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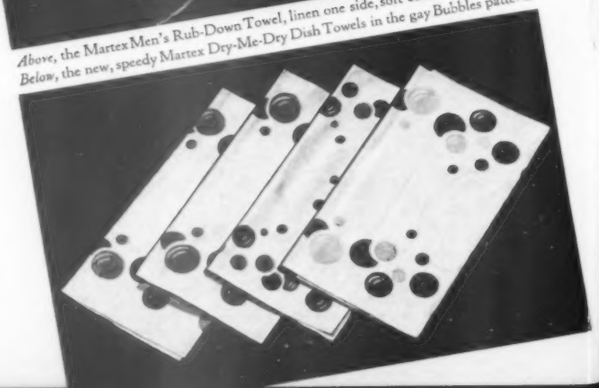

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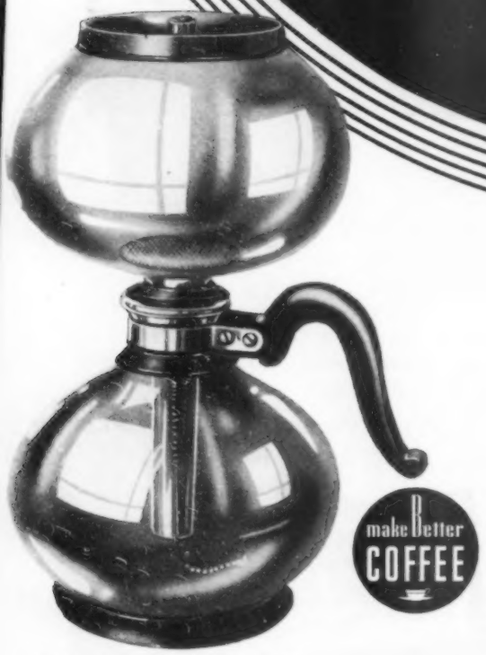

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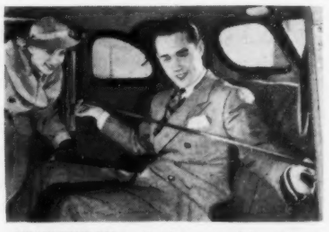

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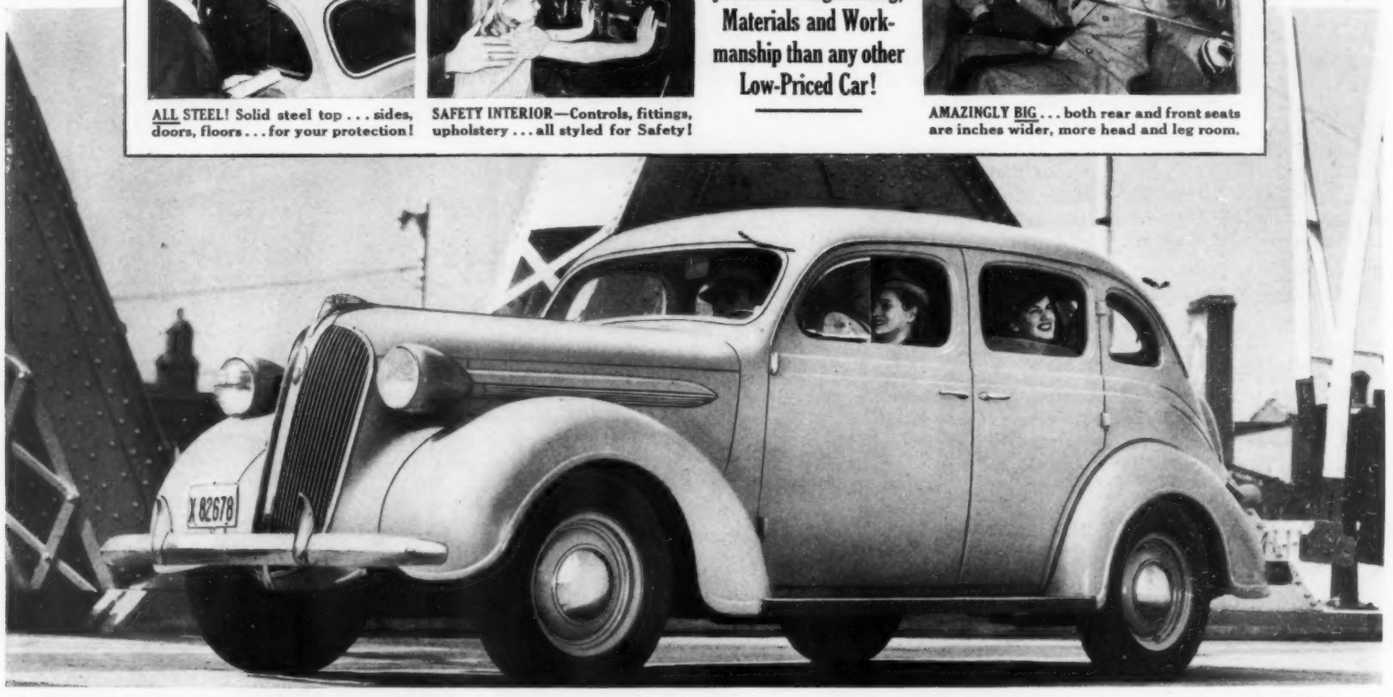

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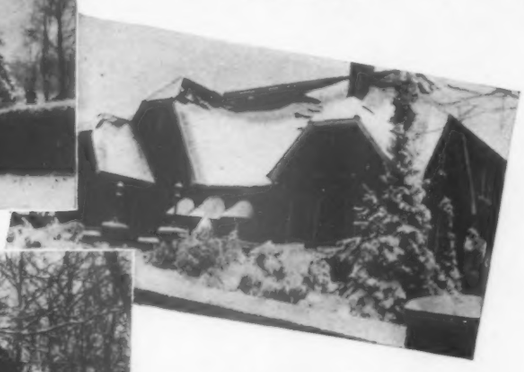

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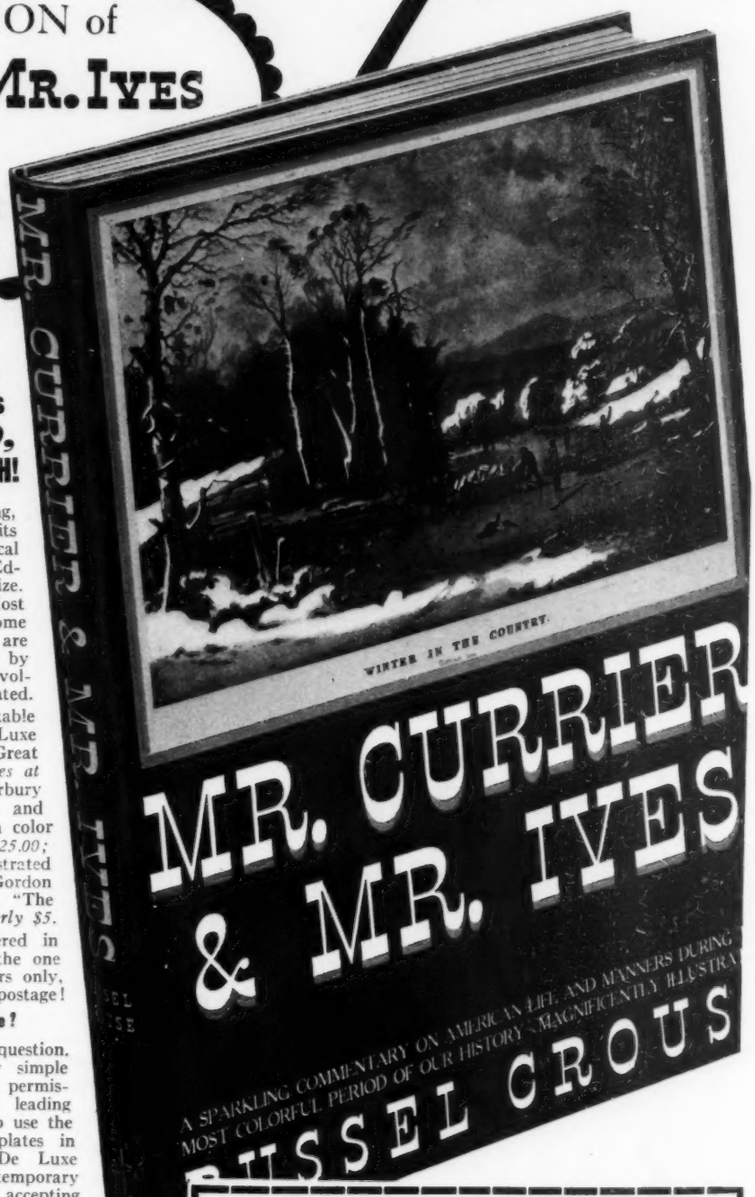
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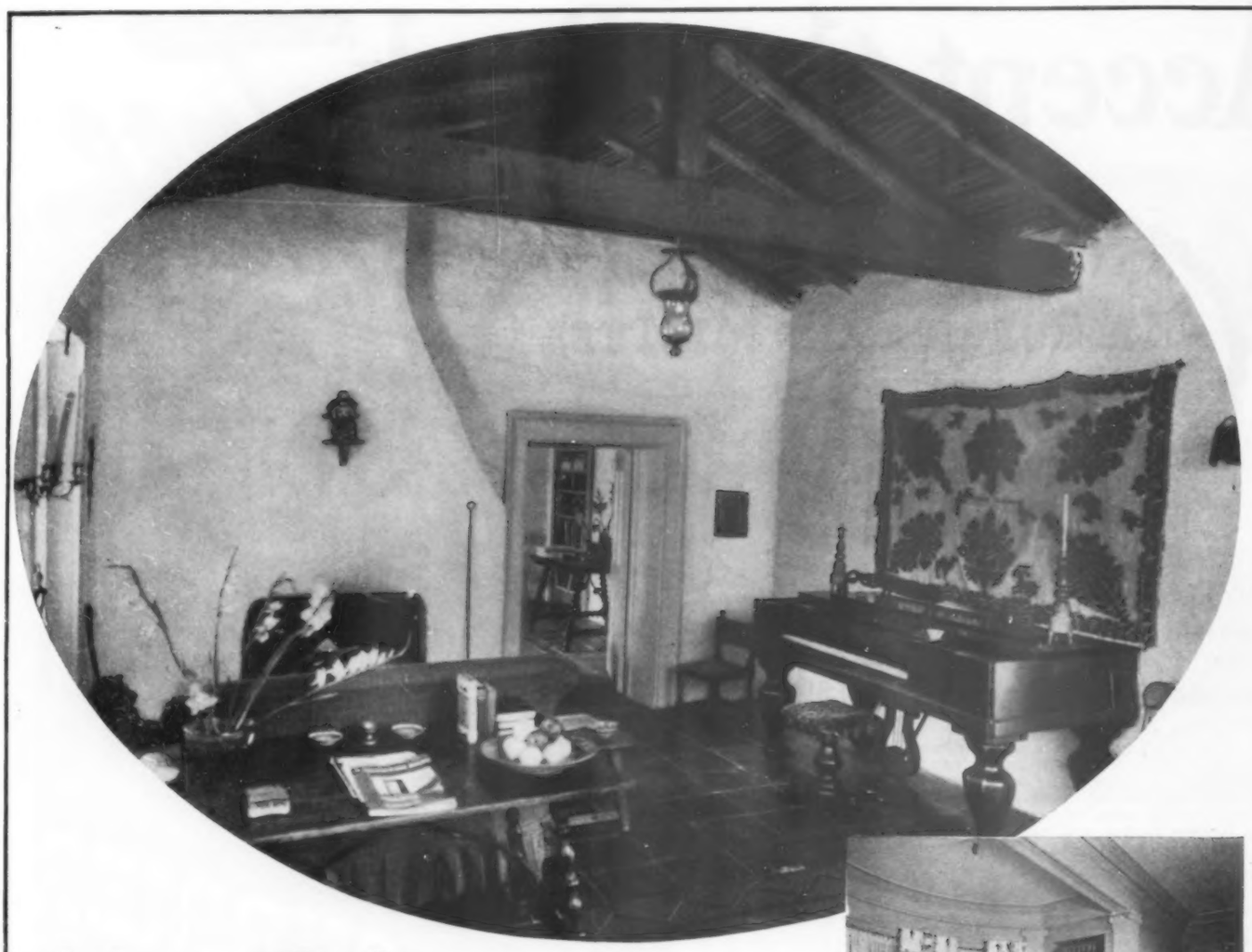

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who never took turns.
He wore his arms off grabbing things first. He wore his legs off pushing in every place first and his face is this way because he always tried to see first.

I DO hope that the first child on your Christmas list is sweetly young and adores to sing. I say that because I believe the outstanding child's book of the year is Hendrik Van Loon's lovely song book. London Bridge, Frère Jacques, Farmer in the Dell—there are twenty-five melodies that we loved and our children love; the piano arrangement very simple and easy, and opposite each song charming drawings in four colors. That this book is sold for only one dollar makes it an achievement which I hereby endorse by pinning my personal blue ribbon on it. Simon and Schuster publish it; its full title appropriately being "The Songs We Sing."

Second prizes are always harder to decide upon, don't you think? The first blue ribbon was easy because it had both charm and a dollar price—and that's a combination irresistible to one who deplores most parents' callous attitude toward children's book needs. Loads and loads of books they need, but they must become treasures and to become that they must be very, very good. And to have parents buy loads of them, they must be cheap. But wait, there are two more books at a dollar which come under that classification, though not having "Pussy in the Well" and other favorite songs to sing, probably will never win their way to the same deep affection a child would feel for Van Loon's song book. "The Story of Ferdinand" by Munro Leaf, with absurdly hilarious drawings by Robert Lawson, is a book I should have loved at six or so, and secretly love now. Ferdinand is a romantic bull whose "mother" dreamed for him a brilliant career in the bull ring of Madrid—but Ferdinand wouldn't even skip and butt his head with his playful brothers. He liked to just sit quietly and smell the flowers! Well, he finally got the spotlight in the arena and what do you suppose? The grand ladies wore flowers in their hair and Ferdinand . . . well, really it is perfectly absurd and delightful. The pages are, in my opinion, well nigh perfect and the letters are great big round ones that are nice to read, with just enough text on each page to give plenty of time to chortle over the animated, silly drawings. This is a Viking Press book and I hope there are enough parents who can still remember a child's love of the ludicrous to spend many, many dollar bills for this delightful and wholly lovable book.

Quite different, but likewise charming, is "Mitty on Mr. Syrup's Farm" by Ruth and Richard Holberg, a Doubleday book and also just a dollar. Little girls, up to eight, will become very attached to this book, for long after the story has become familiar, there are many pages of colored drawings that will be pored over and over again. Even the black and whites have this same Victorian charm—and by that I do not mean "quaint." I may be wrong, but I can't believe children like their pictures "quaint." They want complete pictures that tell stories in themselves and June Mitty, while she does wear aprons and buttoned shoes, looks a real little girl. The farm hands and hay stacks and barnyard fowl do too. If I somewhat neglected the story, I have not meant to. It is very genuine, and quite a busy, exciting one.

Now when you say "Babar" to me, I lose all sense of proportion. I am quite mad about that ridiculous elephant. Since Jean de Brunhoff is his father and Monsieur de Brunhoff is French, I suppose we cannot claim him as an all-American elephant, but, by gosh, he ought to be, so completely have American children adopted him! In this book Babar and his family cavort all over the pages, but

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Mother and Child

—favorite theme in the art of every country

KATHERINE REGAN KANE

MATERNAL love is still the most popular theme in art. It conveys a story so lovely and yet so simple, that it is readily understood by a little child, and at the same time is so profound that "none are too wise to be superior to its charm." The Mother-and-Child theme is based on simple human relationship, an experience common to all of us.

Although each nation's artists have interpreted the theme from diverse angles, they have injected into it something of the ideals, the individuality, and the vigor of their different peoples. In spite of the divergence in interpretations, we are amazed at the extent to which the feelings of other people are a part of our experience, too. It is, then, not at all surprising for us to discover a feeling of kinship, of understanding and sympathy in the maternal art of other countries than our own. It presents truly an almost limitless field for study.

Many of us are glad that this is so, for it means that we can better share in the vast art heritage that has been accumulated through the ages on the Mother-and-Child theme. Not alone are we indebted to the great artists of the past for the wealth of Madonna and Child interpretations of maternal love, but also to the colorful artists of today for their share in enriching the Mother-and-Child tradition in their own inimitable way.

For enrich it they have! In spite of the fact that this subject has been idealized, conventionalized, and affected by symbolism, it has withal run through a cycle of development and seemed to reach its ultimate fulfillment with the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth century artists. However, the Moderns have cherished the belief that they

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In color: Hans Memling's "Enthroned Virgin," a beautiful example of Madonna lore, representative of the art of the North

"After the Bath" is typical of Mary Cassatt's art. Her feeling for truth and simplicity appeals especially to children of all ages

Above, left: "Madonna Adoring Child." School of Alessio Baldovinetti (1425-1499). Center, "Madonna and Child with Saints" by Lorenzo da San Severino (died 1503). Right: "Madonna and Child," ceramic by C. Guy Cowan

"The Blessed Mother" by George Hitchcock is an attempt to introduce a religious note into a pastoral scene

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George de Forest Brush's "In the Garden" is not religious but has a pensive, serene mood that gives an atmosphere of sacredness

"The Madonna and the Goldfinch" a very famous study by Raphael depicts the Mother, Saint John, and the Child

have something to contribute to the artistic interpretation of this centuries-old theme.

Certainly Heinrich Windelschmidt has achieved a new note today! Among the modern artists who have painted Mother-and-Child pictures, he seems to me to be quite outstanding. He has combined so ably the vigorous technique of the Moderns with the spiritual simplicity of the Primitives of the early centuries of our era, that in his painting, "The Madonna and the Roses," he has achieved a really great and particularly satisfying interpretation.

Because the very beautiful story of the Christ Child and His mother has been the source of inspiration to countless artists, many have come to think that Mother-and-Child pictures are of Christian origin. But many centuries before the Christian era, the Chinese portrayed their goddess of mercy, Kuan-Yin, as a woman holding a child on her lap. The Indian Buddhists represented Avokolitasvara as their madonna. The Egyptians show their goddess, Isis, holding her son, Horus. The Greeks made Diana their prototype of motherhood, beauty, and charity. However, it was not until Christian times that the portrayal of motherhood reached its ultimate idealized expression.

The beautiful story of the Infant Jesus and His mother inspired the artists of Byzantium in the sixth century to paint for churches numerous pictures in the portrait style. They blended the Greek triangle of composition with the Oriental sense of rhythm and decorative use of line and thus developed a new art style. Against a gold leaf background, the Byzantine artist painted the Madonna with a thin, ascetic face, large eyes, and an almost peevish expression of countenance—probably due to the artist's limited technique in showing serious mien—and the Child, but a little mannikin. The result is we have pictures pre-

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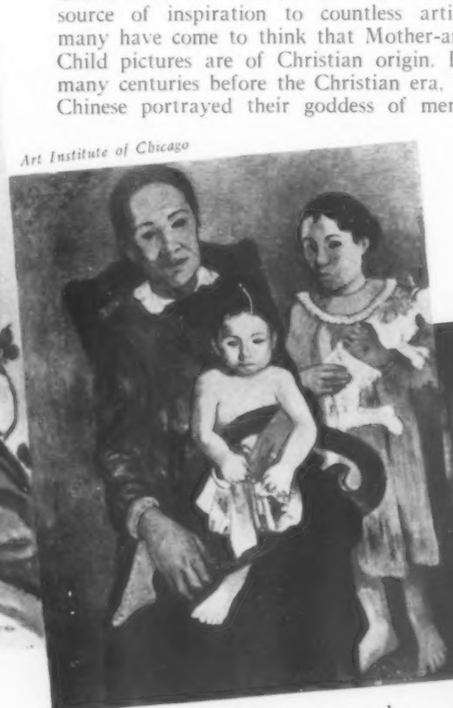

Above: Heinrich Windelschmidt's modern version, "The Madonna and the Roses," is vigorous in color, simple in composition, and spiritually satisfying. Center: Gaugin's "Tahitian Woman and Children" is representative of the moderns of Post Impression. Right: Josef Israel's "Making Cakes" in which one is made to feel the simplicity and bareness of the peasant home

Chinese interpretation of a Madonna by Luke Ch'en. Reproduced by Courtesy Liturgical Arts

"The Mother" by Fritz A. Pfuhle gives an intimate glimpse of a mother lulling to sleep her little child. Painting made in 1909

"Virgin and Child" by Francesco Botticini—from the Florentine School, 1497

served for us that are patterns of rare decorative beauty and spiritual simplicity.

By the way, it is rather an amazing fact that today in Ethiopia there are artists working in the Byzantine tradition. In the land of its birth, Byzantine art is a dead art, but in the heart of Africa its traditions and styles are practised and still flourish fifteen hundred years after its beginnings. Recently our attention has been called to an Ethiopian Madonna and Child executed by a native artist who paints holy figures with the African brown features which are typical of his people.

Not only is the Mother-and-Child a popular theme in the various fields of painting —tempera, oil, and pastel—but it has also intrigued artists who worked in other media. Enamel was an early favorite; tapestry makers wove the theme; sculptors have been inspired by it. In Byzantium and in France during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, ivory was a favorite medium of expression. A beautiful statuette, just a few inches high, of the "Virgin and Child," is preserved for us in the Cleveland Museum of Art. Serenely beautiful in

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Right: Giovanni Della Robbia's "Virgin Adoring the Infant Jesus" began a vogue that in the hands of the less gifted became decadent and fussy

Small ivory statuette, French 13th century. Far right: Enchanting color and pleasing sentimentality are characteristics of "Domesticity" by Thomas Sully

Quite in contrast to the original informal evergreen tree is this modern Christmas decoration with conventionalized tree cut out of wood or extra heavy cardboard and angels with painted faces, tin wings and halos. Gifts wrapped in festive color and sprigs of pine are attached to the tree. Candles are held by the angels and a row of them burn before the tree. For the child's own room a tree is laden with tiny toys and large wooden numbers. A gaily painted box makes an appropriate base

LOUISE PRICE BELL

In the beginning . . . . .

Robert Humphreys

IN PRACTICALLY every civilized country Christmas just isn't Christmas without a festive tree, and many the nation which claims the honor of having given the first Christmas tree to the world! Regardless of claims, Germany is generally credited with the introduction of the symbol, and in the old town of Altenbergen stands a statue to the memory of the man who was behind it all.

It seems that in the old days primitive man regarded trees as the abodes of spirits. They worshipped them as gods, held ceremonies and placed gifts beneath their branches, and the more powerful the god the more precious their sacrifices to him—which explains why very often one of their own number was chosen as a human offering when the pagans particularly wished to favor or placate some god.

An old legend records the transition of the tree from a pagan to a Christian symbol. According to the story, in the eighth century a missionary among the Hessians came upon a group of natives who were preparing to offer a human sacrifice to the great oak which they worshipped as the "hide-out" of the thunder god, Thor. St. Boniface, sometimes called St. Winfred, had come from England to teach these people Christianity and was shocked by the procedure. Just as the sacrificed youth was to be killed the missionary raised his arm and ordered the ceremony stopped. The heathens were frightened and when the priest commanded them to chop down the "thunder-oak," they did it from sheer terror. As the majestic tree fell to the ground with a thunderous roar "like a tower groaning," a young fir tree was for the first time noticed growing between the broken branches of the fallen oak. Why or how it grew there, no one knows, although the legend claims it sprang up miraculously. The native worshippers were, of course, amazed.

Pointing to the fir, the earnest missionary admonished the pagans to accept it as a symbol of Christianity—and surprisingly they did. Facing them he said: "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wild woods but in your homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness!" Then, at the priest's command, they uprooted the fir tree and carried it to the banquet hall where it was looked upon as a symbol of everlasting life. In later years the evergreen fir—the orthodox tree—was lighted by small candles which represented the "Light of the World," and the gifts which were put about its base were emblematic of God's gift of his Son to the world—as Christmas gifts always should be.

The Yule log, which for centuries has been a guarantee of warmth, light, and safety, was first used by the barbarians who believed that the massive trunks kept them safe during the winter in their enemy—and wolf-infested woods. In Scandinavia in the fifteenth century the Yule log celebration was a most picturesque one. A huge log was dragged from the woods to the center of the large manor-hall and then with great pomp the fire that was to last for days was started with a piece of charred wood kept from the Yule log of the year before. This brand had been saved and carefully stored because it was supposed to provide security against fire and to ward off evil spirits during the year, while the fresh Yule log was believed to be full of promises and disruptive of all ill feelings. While some Scandinavian houses had fireplaces and chimneys, the Yule log was usually burned in the middle of the hall, the smoke and fumes escaping through a vent in the high arched roof, a characteristic of Scandinavian architecture.

In medieval England the Yule log was a huge affair, carefully selected weeks before Christmas. On Christmas Eve the log was

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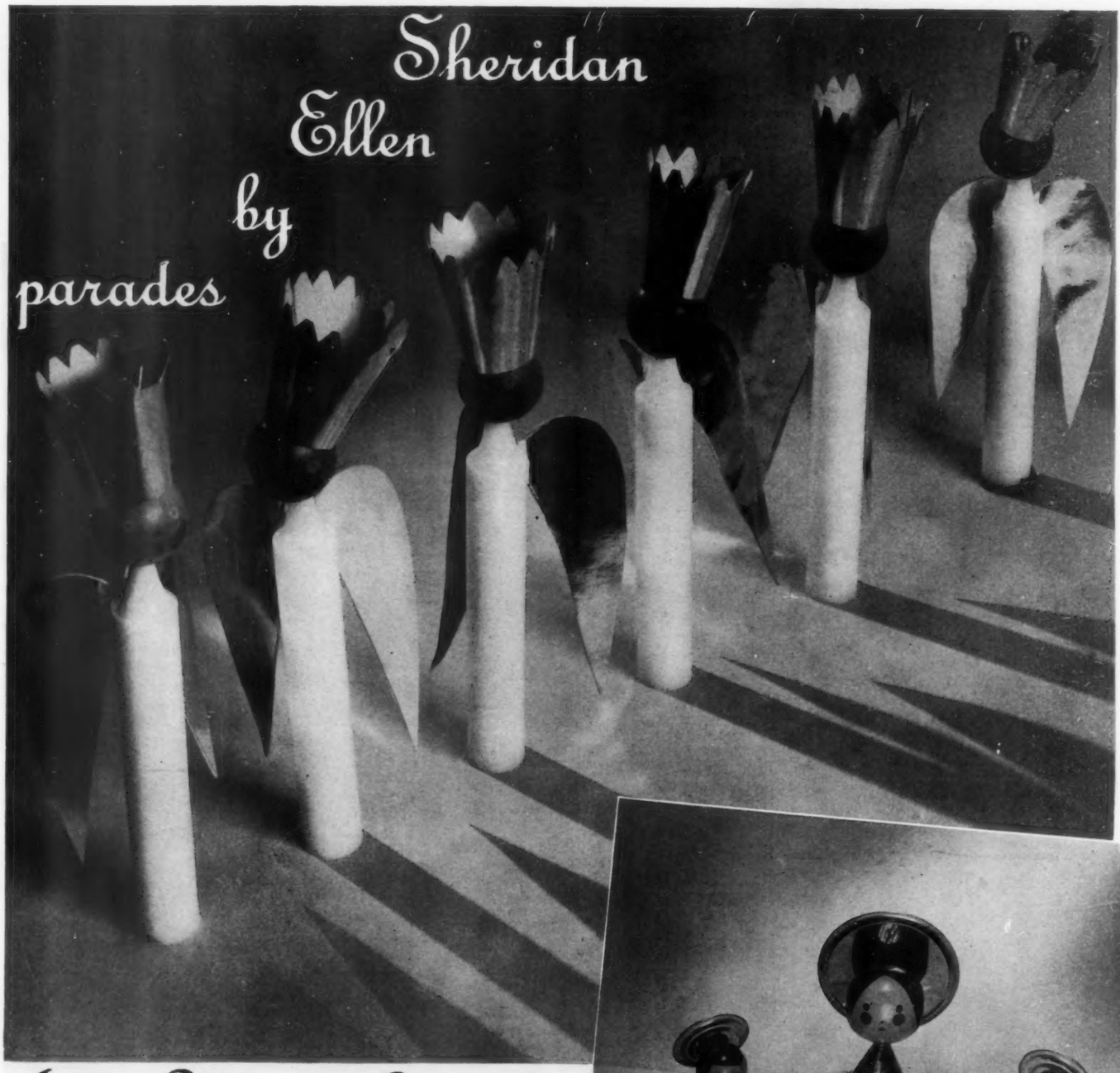
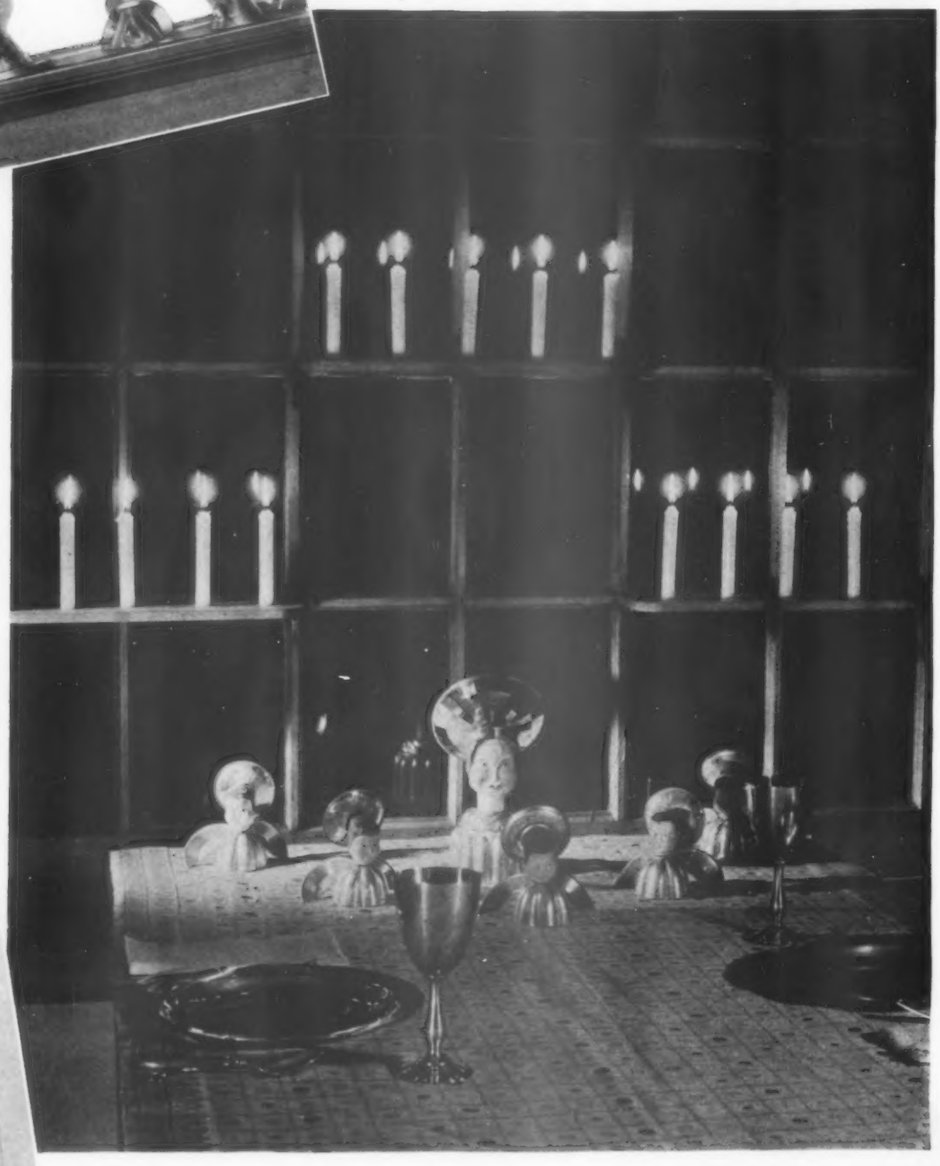
Sheridan Ellen by parades



Jelly Mould Cherubs and Angels made of Funnels

ANGELS on parade, I call them. In spite of their rather rakish attitudes, they look astonishingly like honest-to-goodness heavenly bred angels. Their bodies are very reasonably priced too! You can buy four of them for five cents at the fifteen cent store any day that you like. Because their bodies are candles, they give out a luminous ethereal feeling that is usually associated with the angelic host. Only very chic angels could possibly wear their tin wings and high crowns to such advantage. They are extremely versatile too! They may surround a tree for a table motif or they may be favors to take home.

Not a bit useful, but calm and peaceful are the Virgin and cherubs above. You have all the makings in your kitchen cupboard, except the halos and those you



Presiding over the Christmas festivities from the mantel are the pensive little angels and Madonna at the left. The angel of the bath is shown at the bottom

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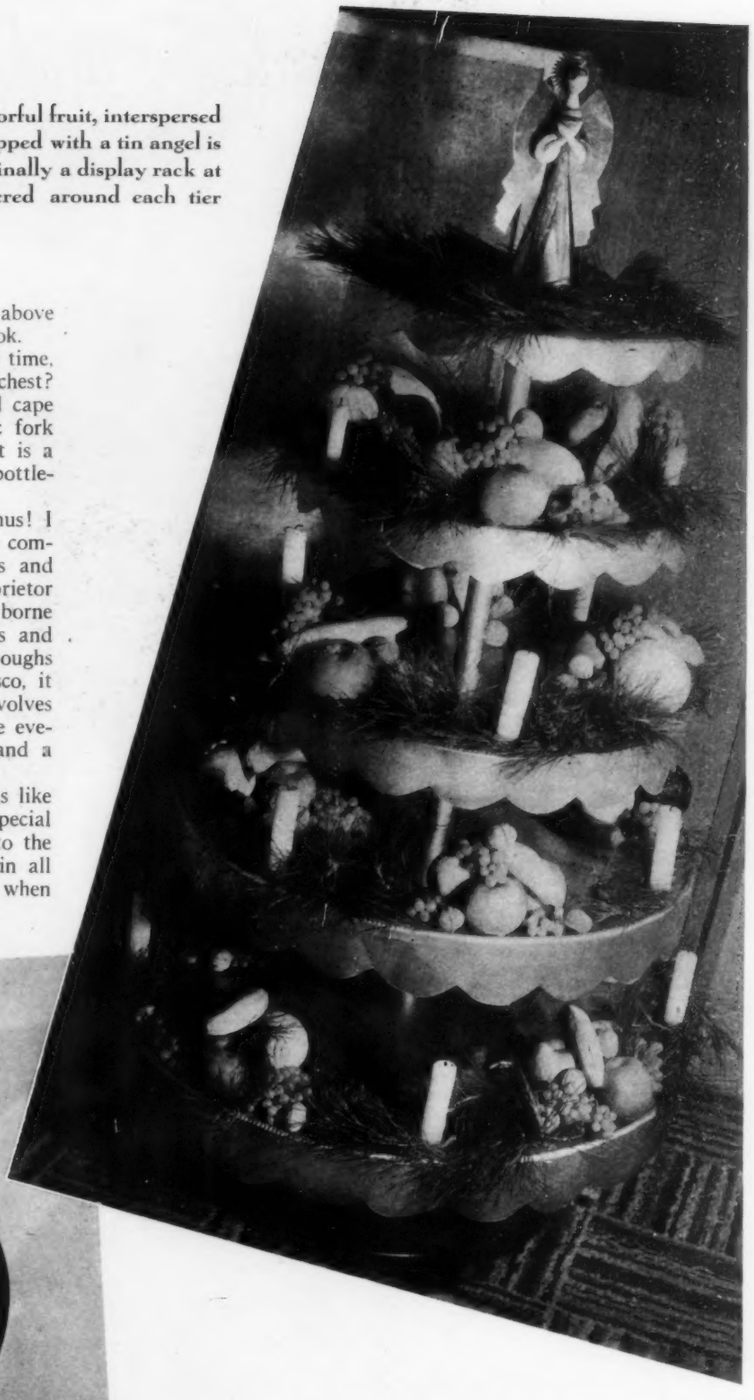
Robert Humphreys and Carl Obert

borrow from your child's doll dish-set. Fluted jelly moulds form the little skirts.

If you want two candles to remain steady and burn all through Christmas night, make the angel you see at the left center. She will do it adequately, for her horn arms, set off by the ever-popular funnel bell sleeve, are sturdy enough for any candle. Towel rod brackets proved better than hands to hold the candle. Her expansive kettle-cover wings give one the feeling that she might take off at any moment; but I assure you she will be faithful to the last stand and will act as should any good angel and will enhance your home as well.

The chubby cherubs on the table with their childlike hand-carved heads are well chaperoned by a kindly serious Madonna. Her halo is a dazzling affair of chromium. On week days it is a light reflector. It is surprising to note how the aluminum moulds for the bodies of the figures resemble in tone the pewter table service, the whole casting a shimmering silver glow.

The angels and Madonna at top of page have the best position in the house to watch the goings on, for they preside over the festivities from the mantel. Their clasped hands and downcast eyes belie what they really know, for they



Heavily laden with the choicest and most colorful fruit, interspersed with small twigs of pine and candles, and topped with a tin angel is the somewhat stylized tree at the right—originally a display rack at a hardware store. Scalloped tin was soldered around each tier

are, after all, little angels of funnels. Even the angle decoration above their heads is of tin run through a roller to give that wriggly look.

The bathroom, too, fails to escape the holiday mood. For the time, why not substitute an angel of the bath for the medicines in the chest? This one is eighteen inches high. Furthermore, she has a funnel cape with a stand-up collar of a fluted mold, delicate aristocratic fork hands, and to top it all a water-plunger for a halo. Her skirt is a bucket brought all the way from Mexico. At her feet grow bottle-sprinkler flowers shown at the bottom of the opposite page.

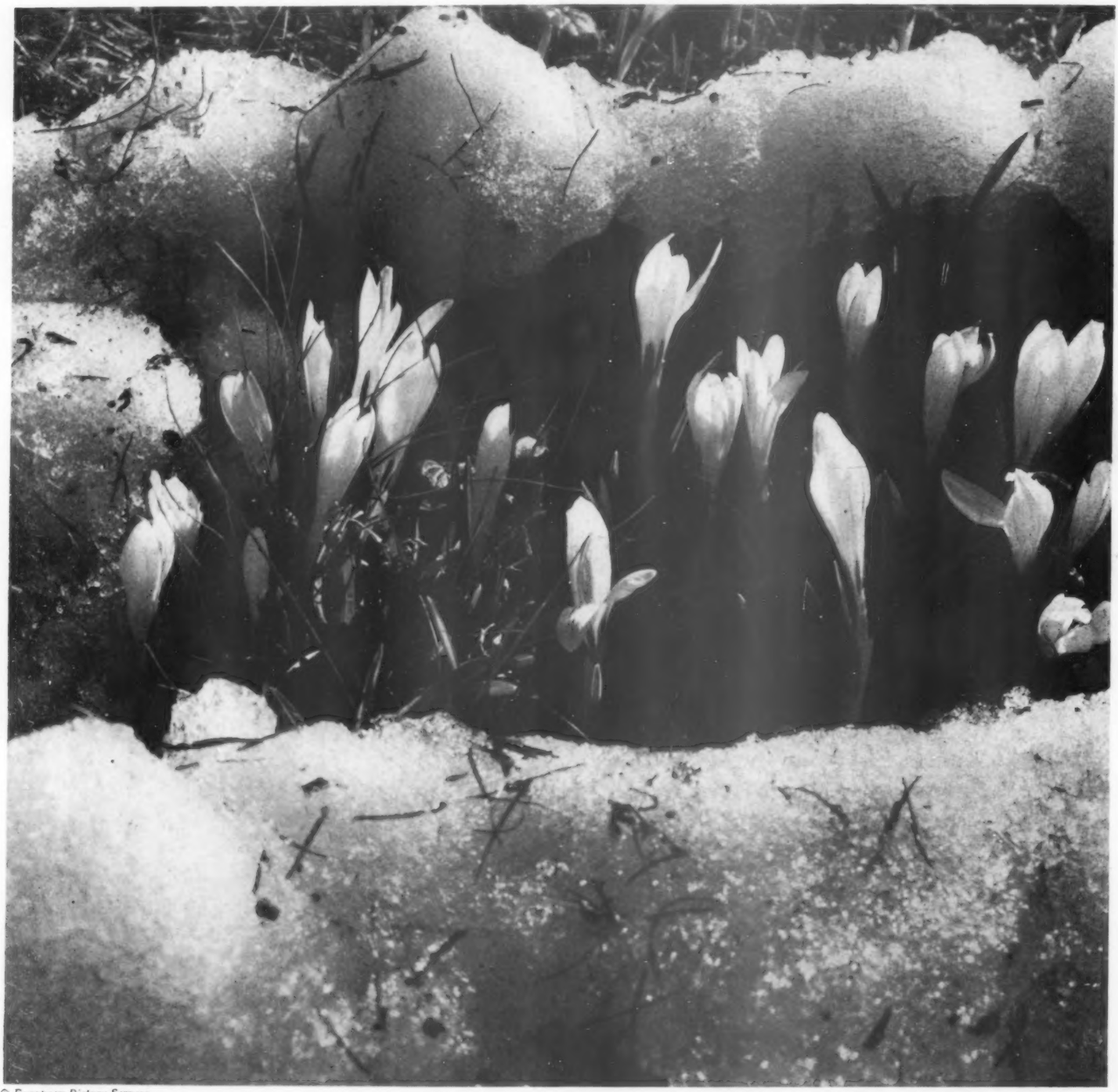
The silver tree weighed down with fruit was not always thus! I spied it in a hardware store last summer. It was then only a commercial display rack, completely covered with pots and pans and oven glassware. After a month's insistent campaign, the proprietor and I came to terms and the rack, in parts, was triumphantly borne home in the trusty family car. I soldered on the tin scallops and silvered the tree. Then, covered with fruit, candles, and pine boughs and tipped off with a saintly looking angel from San Francisco, it was placed in a strategic corner of the room. Since each disc revolves independently, guests could help themselves to fruit during the evening. Thus it proved both an exceedingly decorative affair and a marvelous aid to a busy hostess.

Tin seems especially appropriate to use at Christmas. It looks like silver and glistens far more diligently. These angels have a special place in holiday decoration as they inject a note of humor into the festivities. Also they can soothe and calm our fevered brows in all the mad rush. How can we mere humans be completely upset, when angels are looking so amusedly and serenely at our antics?

In the beginning . . . .

Mumming, a popular custom of the Middle Ages, has very nearly disappeared from the Christmas festivities, although in one or two of our larger cities a mummer's parade is held on New Year's Day. Mumming, in the original sense, meant dressing up in queer and ludicrous costumes, often masks, and visiting from place to place, singing comical songs for the amusement of all. In some obscure corners of Old England this custom is still carried on in the old-fashioned manner, although it is almost extinct.—L. P. B.

To snow-bound gardeners and gardeners everywhere



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GARDEN! No word in our language connotes more human satisfaction. And the idea of a garden reaches down to us through a long line of descent from that Garden of Eden where there was planted everything that was "good to the sight." A house not set in a garden is but a temporary temple of masonry—a transitory camping place. But set it in its own garden, and all is changed. The mere habitation becomes a home. By their flowers shall ye know the souls of those that dwell therein.

The instinct to play with growing plants, to get that feel of contact with the living earth, reaches down to something fundamental in the human soul. The yield of the goodly earth that is the fruition of your own labors in bending the forces of Nature has a spiritual value of its own beyond compare. The garden's progress from fall and winter to spring's awakening carries with it a lesson of the Resurrection. The seed that goes down into the earth in corruption arises to life anew in a beauty of incorruption.

The garden is a very personal expression of the faith that is in us—that the seed put to sleep in the earth will be born again to a refulgent glory. We plant and sow and we wait, happily. I would that everyone could enter into the joy of having a garden; the joy of assisting at the reawakening of active life; the joy of participation in the seed time and harvest!

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Come into the garden with me now and I'll show you miracles indeed. How the fallen forest leaves, blown by the wind, are formed into a warm, sheltering blanket of protection against the very force that put them there. How the seeds, scattered by Nature's own ways, are safely tucked into the earth to germinate and "carry on" again. How the leaves of the Rhododendrons are curled and folded against undue exposure. How the discarded tops of some herbaceous plants mulch the ground about the roots to keep all snug below.

Yes, indeed—the garden in winter is a joyous thing—full of assurance that all is well. There, outside under the mantle of snow and ice, repose quietly the seeds, the bulbs and the roots of living, growing plants, gathering strength for a glorious re-awakening in the spring. We may learn from our gardens many lessons in patience, the need for rest, and the equal need for vigorously striving to a perfect fruition after.

Edward Farrar

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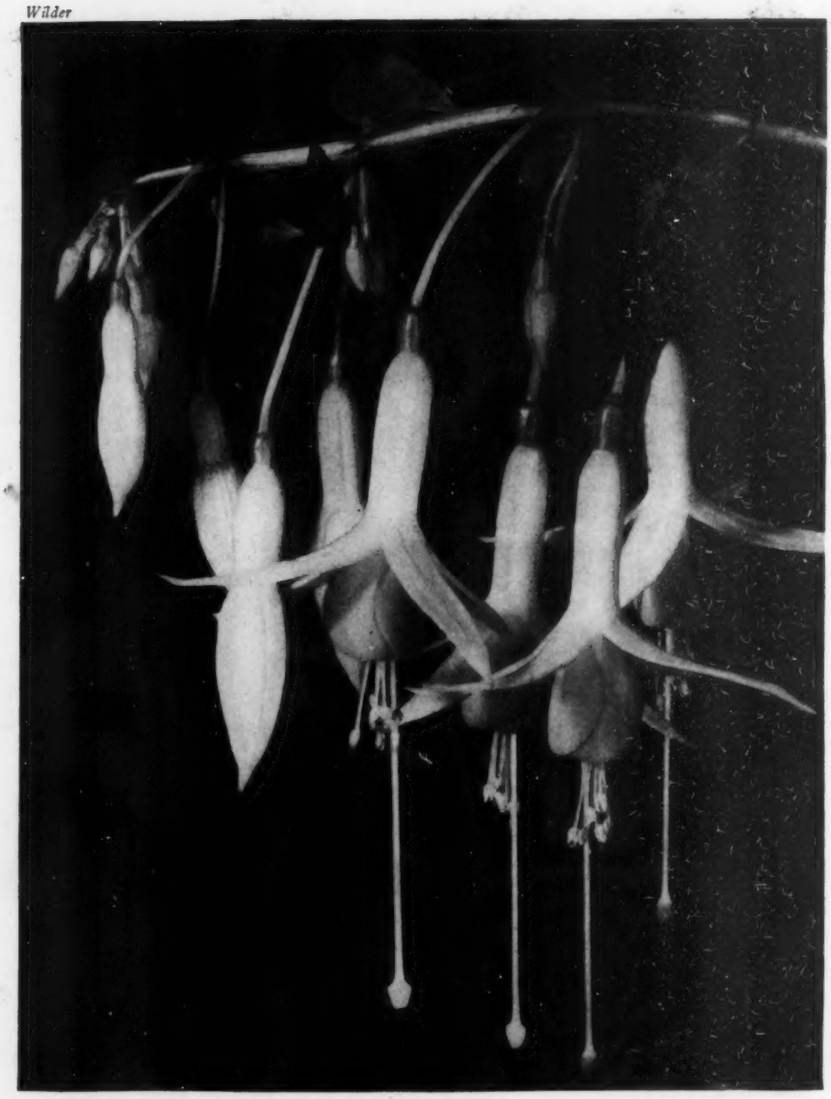
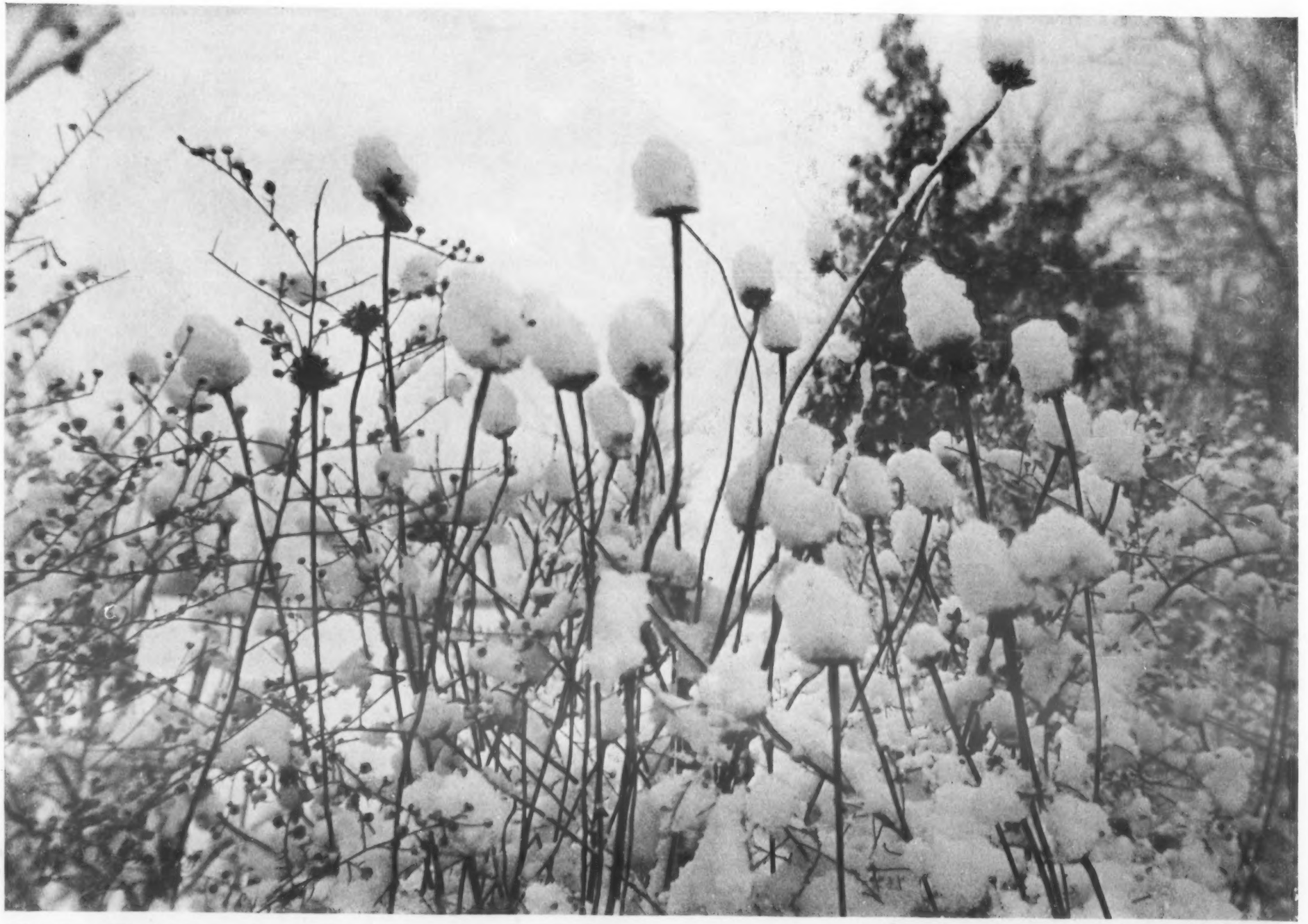


The Dandelion floats its seed with silver sails

Photographs by W. B. Wilder

There is an Oriental touch, too, in the seed vessels of the Poppy



What ol' man Winter did to cone-flowers in the garden of Mrs. O. M. Lyon, Hudson, Ill.

Raindrops, like diamonds, on the petals of the Rose. Photo by Elizabeth Hase

First testimony of spring

Crocuses, yellow, white, purple, push up through the departing winter's ice

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Every Christian nation has made of Christmas time something beautiful, made of the Christmas festivities something especially its own. And in every country except ours, Christmas is a strictly religious festival—as indeed it should be. Scandinavians scour their houses and hang paper streamers, let the children seek out their little hidden gifts, go to church through star-lit fields of snow at midnight, and scatter grain for the birds' Christmas. An Italian Christmas is not complete without the revered praesipio, and Spaniards go to midnight mass on the "noche buena." Bavarian children look forward to painted toys and gingerbread menageries. In Holland they carry the great Star of Bethlehem on a pole through the streets. French children find lucky coins in the big Christmas cake and little cakes with a sugared Christmas child on top. In Tyrolean villages they sing lustily and happily on Christmas Eve. South of the Danube there is feasting, all seated on a straw-strewn floor, and on Christmas day great oak trees are felled and children sing to cows in their stalls for milk to bathe a new-born Babe on the birthnight of "The Little God."

And here, in America? We exchange washing machines, checks, and mink coats; our pianos are silent and the radio sings our Christmas carols for us; no fragrant scents come from our kitchens days before Christmas—we are too "emancipated" for that—and our children give us Christmas lists, instead of cherishing what we might give them of our own volition. They, and we, are poor indeed. We Americans have lost the art of simple happiness. We have forgotten what the true spirit of Christmas really signifies.

When I wish you all a Merry Christmas, it is the simple joy and the spiritual beauty of a peasant Christmas that I am wishing for you. May your "presents" be less and your happiness greater. From my house to your house—a kindly, sincere hope that this Christmas may more nearly approach the lovely, holy thing it should be—in your house and my house.—Jean Austin

You are cordially invited to my Fourth Birthday Party!

A fourth birthday is indeed an occasion to celebrate—especially when one's family has grown to over a million in such a short time as mine has. My birthday number will come to you in January, and it will be filled with all the thrilling surprises that a birthday should have. I have been planning it ever since last summer to be sure that every member of my "family" would be remembered. There will be . . . . but you'll have to turn to page 65 to find out about some of the surprises that are coming

Tables, too, are special on Christmas Day

Wendell MacRae

Maine table set by Mrs. Albert Benedict, 3rd prize winner at the Christmas Show sponsored by the Gardens of the Nations at Rockefeller Center last year. Procession of statuettes on sleds bordering a mirror "lake." White candles in star holders, garlands of pine cones on red velvet streamers with bell fringe. Red-footed crystal stemware and white china

Connecticut table set in modern manner by Miss Alice Carson. Black mirror centerpiece with statuettes skating. Red crystal balls at each end of table. White reindeer with tinsel horns. White-footed goblets and black china on white lamé tablecloth; white napkins

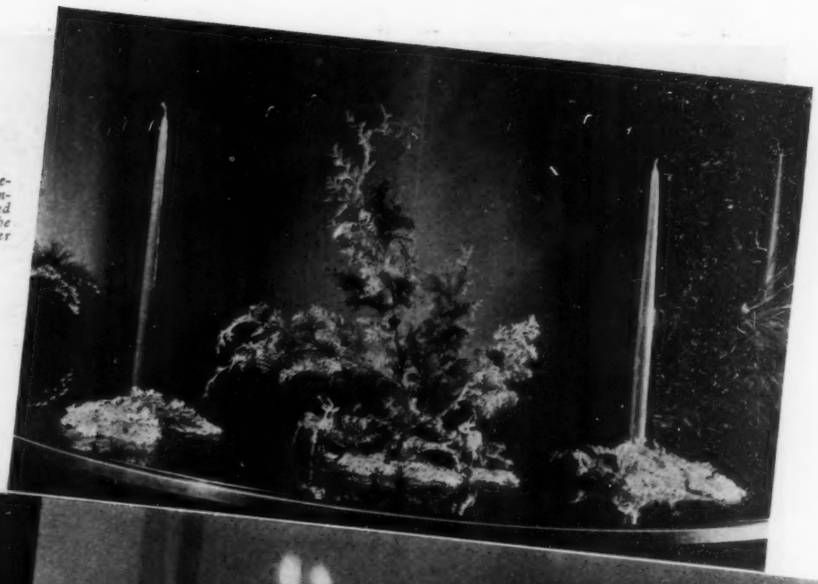
In the beginning . . .

CHRISTMAS dinner—that high light of the festive day to many people—is far from a modern innovation, although one doubts whether the feasting Norsemen, Celts, or Britons could have stuffed themselves more thoroughly than do some of our present-day gourmands! "Bringing in the boar's head" was an important ceremony at Christmas time in Old England. Here—amid the blast of trumpets—a procession entered the banquet hall at a stated time and paraded the length of the long table at which the diners sat. At the head of the procession the boar's head was carried on a silver platter while behind came a huntsman, a forester, and pages. The latter were dressed in silk and carried the inevitable mustard which was considered a luxury and a great aid to digestion. Last of all came the plum pudding, steaming merrily and of gigantic proportions. It is a far cry from that day to this and today we have the "great American bird" on our platters and often all sorts of modern concoctions in place of good old-fashioned plum pudding, but the same whole-hearted merriment is present at the Christmas dinner table today as was then, the same family and neighborhood good will prevails, and there is still much ado about the preliminary preparation for this gastronomical event.—L. P. B.

BAYBERRY candles, whose pungent incense seems to belong as definitely to Christmastime as do the fragrance of evergreens and the spicy kitchen odors, were first made in Puritan homes. These sturdy people gathered the wan gray berries from the bayberry shrubs which grow on the salt marshes near the sea, and from them obtained the wax to make the candles or *dips*, as they called them. These lovely translucent green candles, like nearly everything else, are shamelessly, though quite perfectly imitated—but in appearance alone. The fragrance given off by a real burning bayberry candle can not be reproduced. It is a distinctive perfume and can only be found in the wax from real bayberry shrubs. The name, "Good Luck Candles," which the bayberry tapers are often called—comes from an old belief that a bayberry candle brings good luck and good fortune to any home from which it sheds its light. It is from this belief that we get the quotation: "A bayberry candle burned to the socket brings luck to the home and gold to the pocket." And we must not forget that other and romantic legend which claims that if two lovers are separated and each burns a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve, the sweetness of the burning wax will be wafted from one to the other, if their love is strong and true.

Countless candles burn in windows of the homes we pass on Christmas Eve, and these are not all bayberry candles, by any means. For generations this custom of burning an ordinary wax candle has been carried on—its purpose being to light the way to warmth and shelter for any poor wanderer who might be about, just as the star lighted the way to the manger on that first Christmas Eve in Bethlehem.—L. P. B.

These three arrangements were prize winners in an exhibit staged in the Gardens of the Nations, Rockefeller Center, New York



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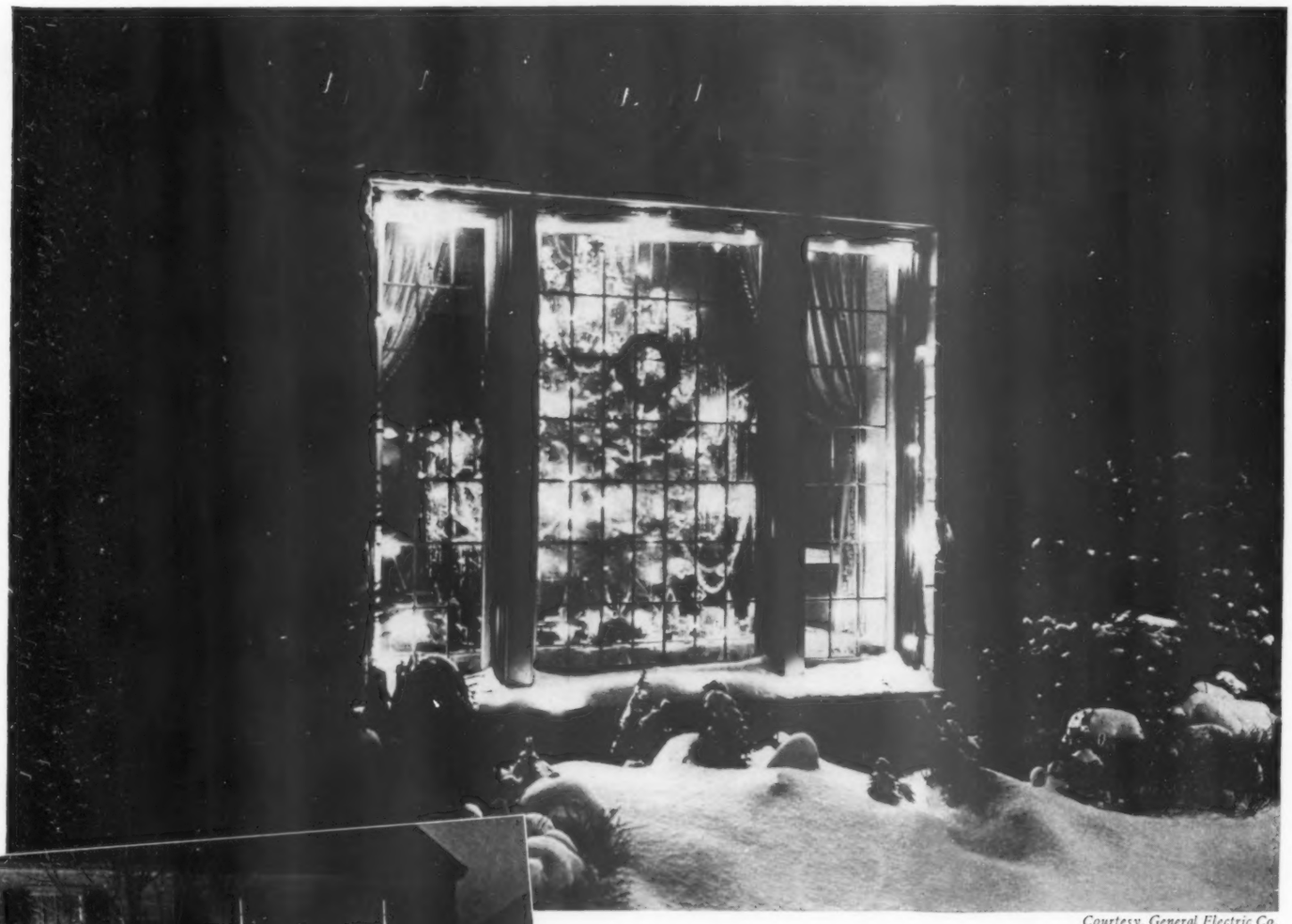
The exquisite arrangement at the top, with its Chinese-y coned branches, is like a bit of the forest, with its miniature reindeer standing at attention, while greens cover the candlestick standards

In the center, graceful long pine is bunched about two tapering candles, with just a cluster of cones for accent

A huge wreath encircles candles of different lengths and makes a nest for clusters of tiny silver balls. Candle holders are wreathed, with poinsettia leaves and pine



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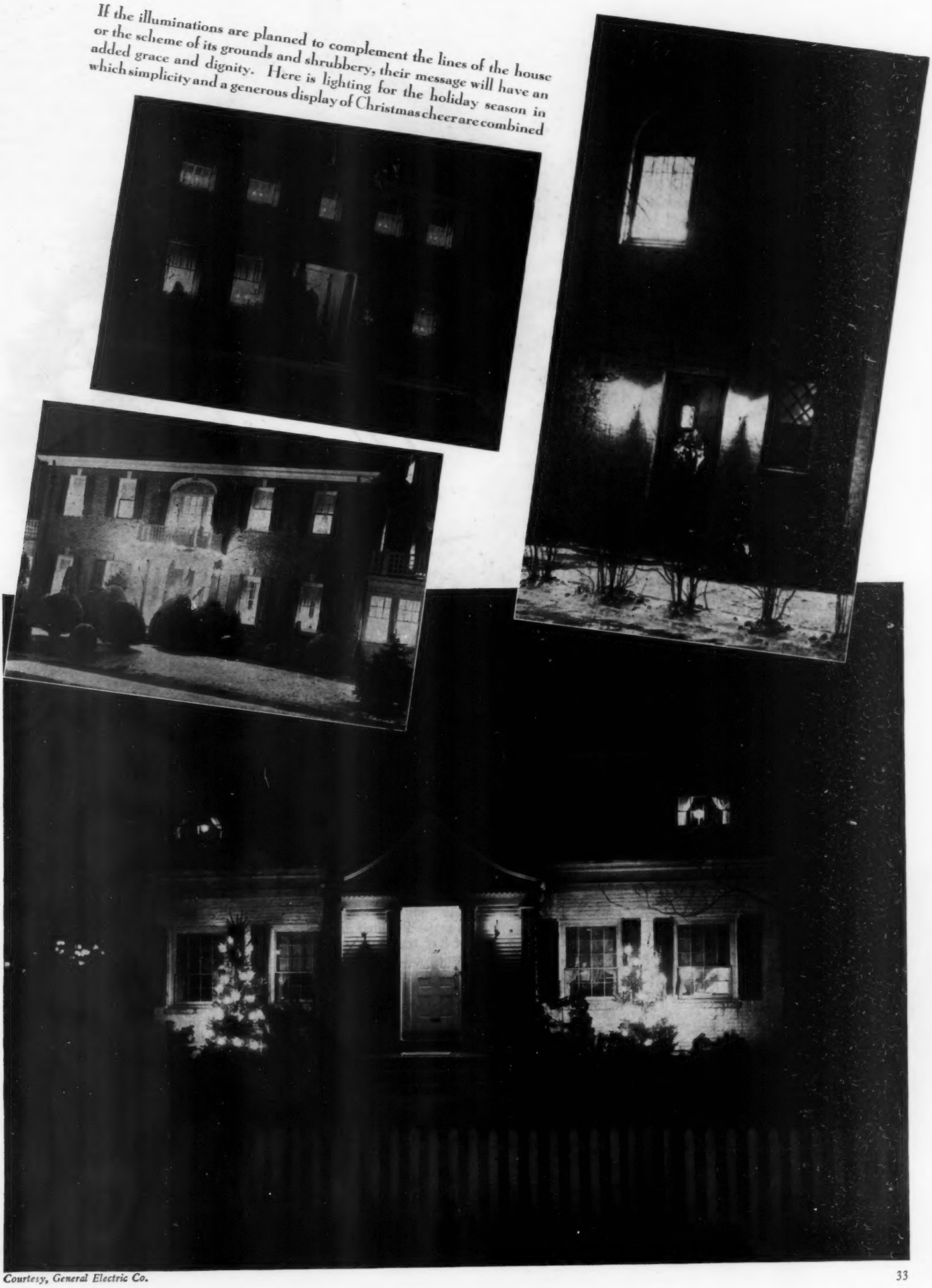
Christmas beams its cheer to the wayfarer

Of late some of our American streets at Christmas time have had almost the appearance of a carnival midway. The idea of extending the warm and friendly spirit of the Christmas season to the passer-by through the illumination of windows and doorways is a gracious one. But that spirit will glow as clearly from a single row of candles as from a dozen strings of gaudy colored lights . . . RICHARD H. ANTHONY

A single candle in each window of the Southern Colonial house above. The only illumination of the small house at right is the lighting of the evergreens on either side of the doorway

If the illuminations are planned to complement the lines of the house or the scheme of its grounds and shrubbery, their message will have an added grace and dignity. Here is lighting for the holiday season in which simplicity and a generous display of Christmas cheer are combined



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Distinctive in shape and rich in coloring is this fruited wreath, at right, made of fir and swamp cedar. Fir, hemlock, juniper, and swamp cedar make a beautiful background for the bittersweet, kumquat, bayberry, and cone decoration, center below. A large cluster of pine cones and colorful overlay of red alder berries, sprinkled with bayberries, decorate the hemlock wreath at bottom

Let's make a Wreath

GLADYS J. BRANDENBURG

CHRISTMAS decoration begins with a wreath on the door. But aren't you just a bit weary of hanging up the ordinary wreath? Wouldn't you like to get away from this yearly repetition and discover how pleasurable it is to make and decorate your own wreath?

You can make a fruited one, somewhat after the Della Robbia style, a classic creation of box that will enhance the architectural lines of your door, or perhaps you will want to do one combining a mixture of evergreens and decorate it with colorful bittersweet, bayberries, and kumquats. Whatever type you choose, you'll enjoy the holiday spirit and the making of the wreath, from the gathering of the greens to the fastening on of the last bit of decoration.

When the hectic days of shopping are over and the cards are addressed, then it is time to assemble the materials and plan your wreath creation. This will mear an excursior to the woods, to some big city market, or the pruning of greener; on your own grounds. If you live near woodlands you will be able to find much material that may be had for the asking. You will not pick holly, laurel or ground-pine because of the conservation movement of the states and the garden clubs; and it is not necessary to use any of these as there is so much other material which is equally attractive and effective. Pine, hemlock, swamp cedar, and juniper are plentiful and make fine wreaths.

If you do not have access to the woods, then you will plan a trip to some big city market where you will find it possible to purchase box, fir boughs, or a Christmas tree to cut as material. In the market you will find a wide variety of spruce cone sprays, giant fir cones, berries, and mistletoe. From the florist you will buy foundation frames of heavy single wire and two spools of wreath wire; one of fine thread weight, the other 22 gauge. Frames come in sizes from eight to twenty inches. You will probably choose twelve to fourteen

inch frames. The tools needed are a pair of small garden shears for cutting and pliers for fastening wire while you are decorating the wreaths.

Now that you have assembled the material and equipment, you are ready to begin. Don an apron and pull on an old pair of gloves, for while pitch is very fragrant it is also sticky. Clip the evergreens into short, even lengths, an average length being about six inches. Woody or poorly shaped parts of the greens are discarded. When a sufficient quantity has been prepared, you are ready to start wiring. Fasten the heavy wire to the frame and, holding the spool firmly in your right hand, take several pieces of evergreen with your left, binding them tightly to the frame. Continue this operation, overlapping material closely, until you have completed the circle. View your completed wreath from a distance and shear any protruding material that spoils the outline.

Another method is to make a sufficient quantity of small, individual bunches of greenery of uniform length, width, and thickness to complete your wreath. Fasten each securely with a short length of the light weight wire. Clip the ends to a uniform evenness and bind to the wire frame, overlapping closely. If a finished back to the wreath is desired, wrap a small piece of evergreen to the underside of the frame as the material is fastened in place. The overlapping must be done quite closely; the wire drawn tightly to insure a firm, well-shaped wreath. When you have worked around the wreath to the finishing spot, insert carefully under the first material one or two bunches with closely clipped ends. Wind securely and knot wire inconspicuously to produce a really good effect.

Rosa wichuraiana, wild grape, red cedar, American beech leaves, spruce cones

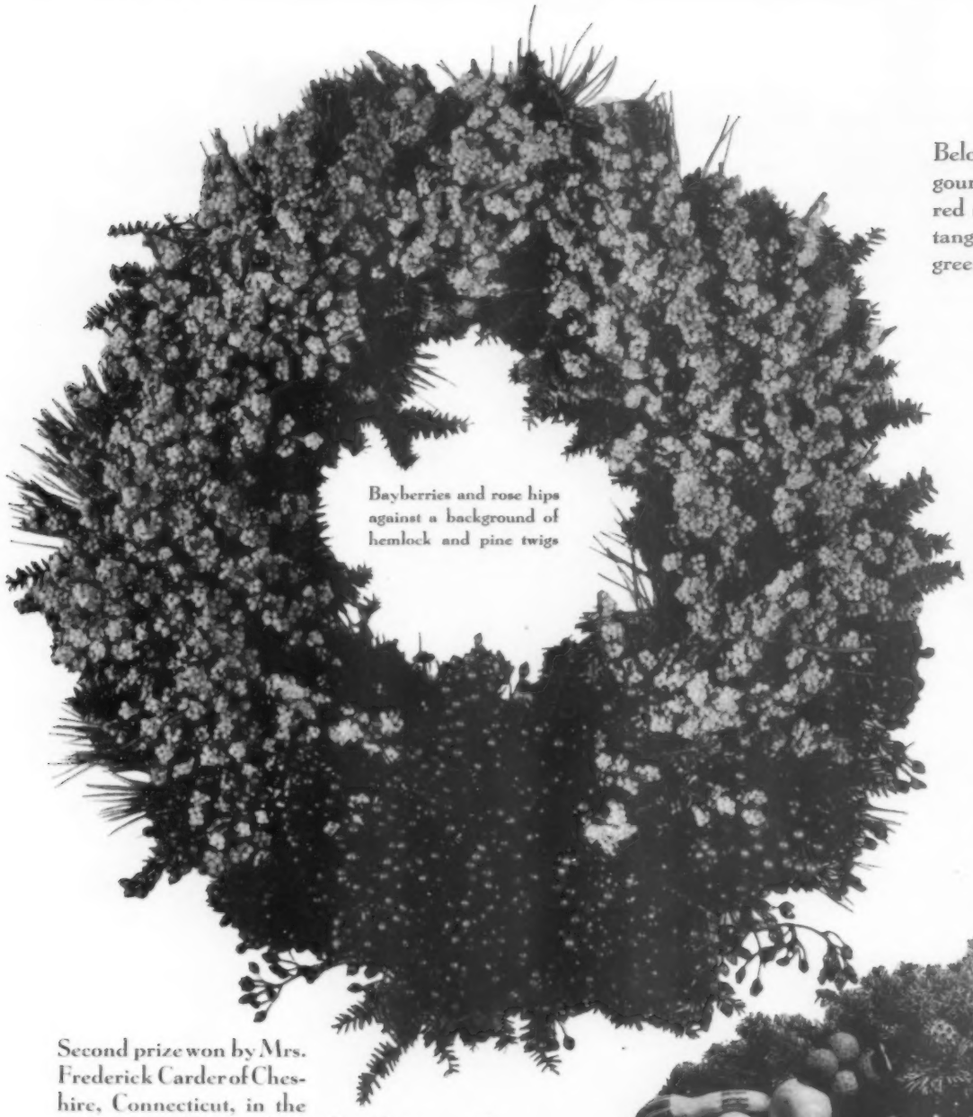
In the beginning . . . .

To us, the Christmas greens against the dull brown of snow-covered earth, the rough brick of our fireplaces or the frosted window panes, seem indispensable at Christmas time, and this is no modern notion. For since the days of the Druids, greens of one kind or another have hung over lintel and hearth, and our custom of hanging a sprig of mistletoe in doorway or arch to invoke romance is thought to be an adaptation of the Druid custom of hanging it over the fireplace to invoke the sylvan spirits. The early pagans took branches from the evergreen trees to their temples and there worshipped them for maintaining life all winter. And in King Solomon's time, these same greens were used in all the sacred rites of the religious festivals.—L. P. B.

There is classic design to the wreath at left. Box, decorated with sumac, California pepper-berries, and silvered fern spores, finished with bright silver ribbon

This wreath and the one at top of page were shown in the last year's exhibit, staged by the Garden Clubs of New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York, at the Gardens of the Nations, Rockefeller Center, New York

Rosa wichuraiana and Austrian pine



Bayberries and rose hips against a background of hemlock and pine twigs

Below: Black walnuts, pecan nuts, love apples, gourds, leechee nuts, black and green olives, grapes, red sweet gum leaves, Raphael berries, chestnuts, tangerines, Persian limes, bay pods, small red apples, green pears, acorns, chestnuts, lemons, pomegranates

Second prize won by Mrs. Frederick Carder of Cheshire, Connecticut, in the competition for wreaths in the Christmas Show sponsored by the Gardens of the Nations last year

These two wreaths were shown in last year's exhibit of garden clubs at the Gardens of the Nations, Rockefeller Center, N. Y.

To make the wreath of tapering outline, bunches of graduating size are first made and arranged in order on the frame, then wired in place. The wiring of the tapered wreath begins at the top with the smallest bunches, continuing to the center bottom where the wire is secured. The other side then is started at the top, working down until wreath is completed. Now your wreath is ready to be decorated. Arrange and rearrange your decorative material on it until a satisfactory effect is achieved. Then attach to each decoration a short length of wire and fasten securely in place. Aim for a balance of design, avoiding a top-heavy effect.

Near-by woods and fields are rich in material that may be used for decoration. The scarlet winterberry, fragrant bayberries, and rich, velvety sumac are effective when combined with cones. Seed pods of ferns, milkweed, flower tops, and grasses may be silvered and used to add an interesting touch.

For more sophisticated effects, use fruits such as kumquats, small limes, tangerines, grapes, and lady apples. If the wreath is to be used as a dining-room decoration, the fruit can be shellacked which will emphasize its color and form. For outdoor use this is not practical as the shellac will check at freezing temperature. Vegetables, too, are now used as wreath decorations. The most popular in this class are tiny, silver-skinned onions, peppers and carrots for their bright colors.

In the beginning....

THE word *mistletoe* is derived from the Saxon *mistl-tan* meaning "a different twig" and there is an interesting legend about this pearl-berried green which we scale the tallest cotton-woods or live-oaks to obtain. The legend has it that Balder, a Scandinavian hero, was killed by an arrow made from a mistletoe tree. His death angered the gods, who immediately decreed that from that time on mistletoe should be a mere parasite and should cause no more trouble. The berries—according to Norse mythology—were the tears of the goddess Frigga, shed at the death of her son, Balder the Beautiful. It is from this legend that the custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe sprang; the kiss is supposed to be a token of peace and an assurance that the mistletoe is still unable to cause sorrow or misfortune but, on the contrary, to foster love.

Another tradition, which perhaps seems more closely related to the real meaning of Christmas, says that the Cross was made of mistletoe which had been, until that time, a noble tree. Because of the cruel use to which it was put, the olive-foliaged growth was condemned to live as a parasite on others.

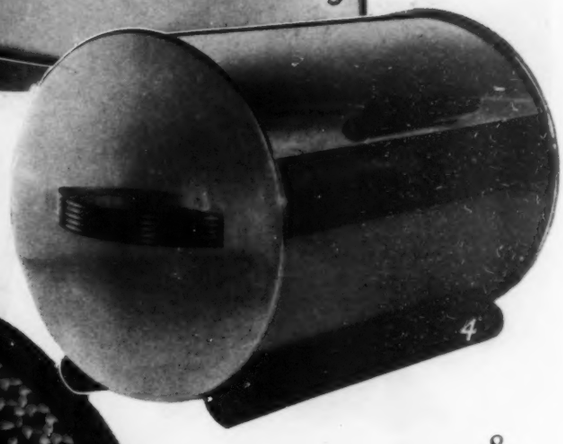
The use of holly at this season is traced to the early Romans who sent holly boughs to their friends during the feast of Saturnalia which occurred at about the time our Christmas holidays do now. The early Christians continued the custom of using holly as a gift, but fashioned it into wreaths as a symbolization of the Cross of thorns, with the red berries representing the drops of blood, and from that time on the holly wreath has symbolized timelessness; its endless circle being the symbol of eternity. Originally holly was called *holy*, as is proven by the many yellowed records that have been found in churchwarden's accounts which read "Item for holy and ivye at Christmas," "Due for holy decoration." It is pleasant to think of this staunch green plant and its blood-red berries as a thoroughly Christian symbol.

Almost as familiar a holiday "green" as the holly or mistletoe is the *poinsettia*—that velvety red blossom which has become so closely allied with Christmas during the last century. Yet how few of us have any idea as to how we happen to have this magnificent flower today!

The poinsettia originally came from the hills of Old Mexico where it grows in great profusion. No one knows how or when it migrated to Europe but it is thought that the adventurous army of Cortez took some plants or seeds back and presented them to the Court of Spain from whence the flower has spread throughout Europe. As to its introduction into this country, we owe that to Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American envoy to Mexico in the eighteen-thirties. He discovered there the *fire-flower*—a dazzling vermilion blossom which almost covered the hills and brought a few plants with him when he returned home and experimented with them. Today, no more lovely Christmas decoration can be found than these gorgeous crimson flowers which were fittingly named for their discoverer.

—L. P. B.

GIFTS for Mother



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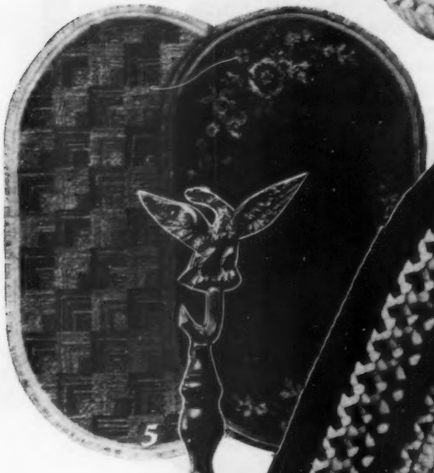

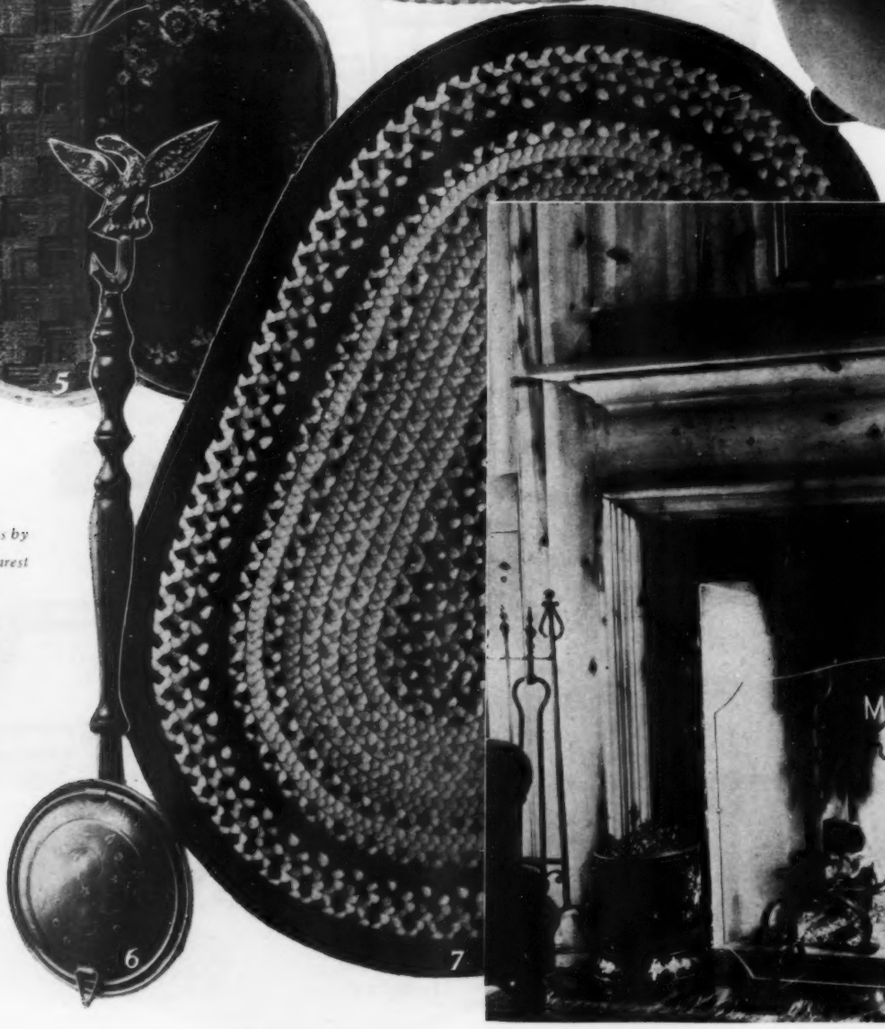

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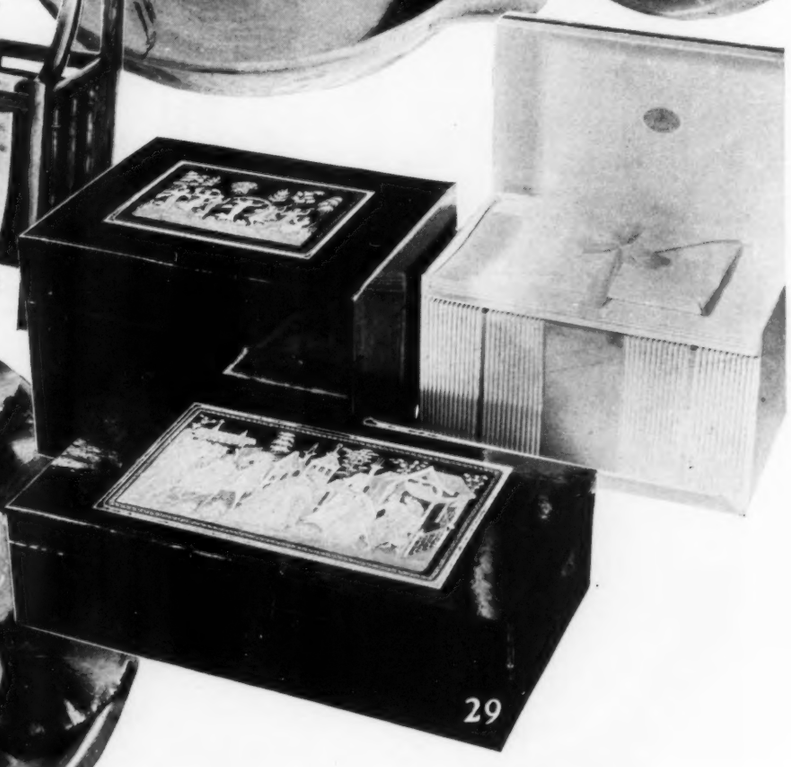
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In the beginning . . .

THE very first Christmas gifts were the ones given to the Holy Babe, although Roman fathers gave their sons pieces of gold, torches, and laurel wreaths with the hope that they would, in turn, bring wealth, the light of learning, and victory to their offspring. Slaves, too, gave each other colored beads as tokens of affection, but it was not until the first Christmas that gifts, as real tokens of love and a part of the Christmas spirit as we understand it, were distributed—L. P. B.

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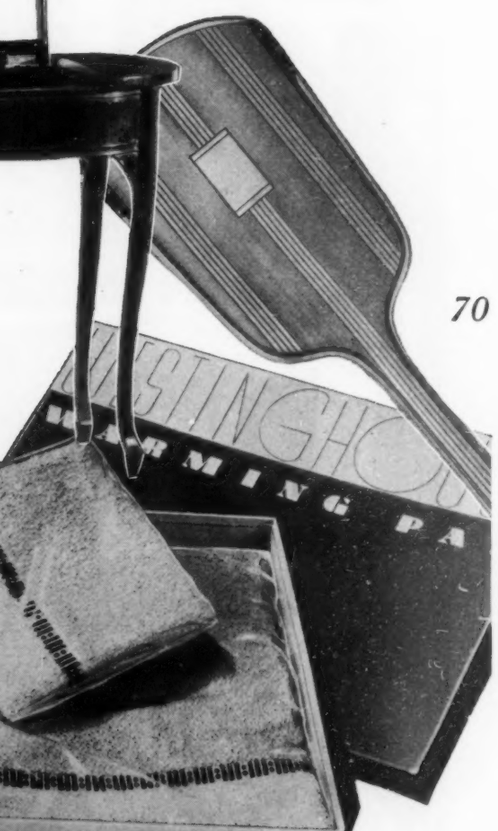

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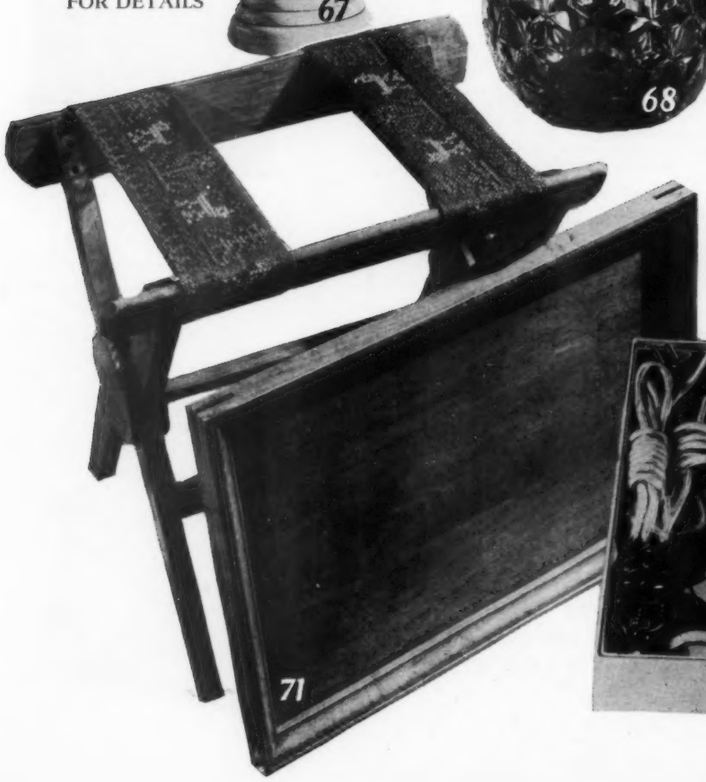

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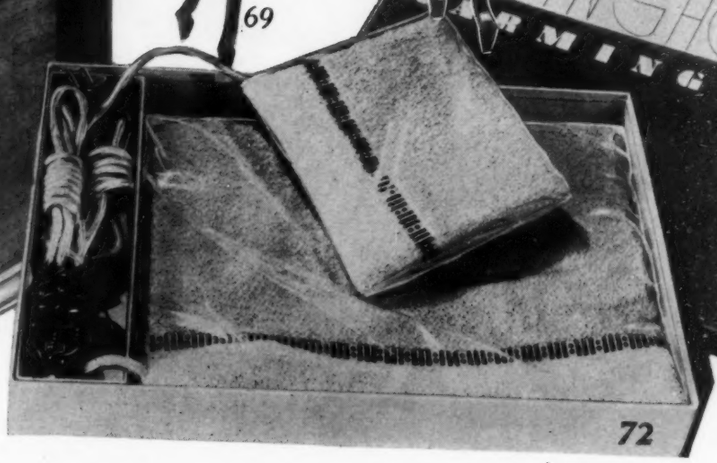

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Want to give a famous party?

Give a "NIKI" party with ski-hut food

SUE MOODY

This photograph of Miss Marilyn McAdams of Winnetka, Ill., was taken at Lake Placid last Christmas by the club photographer

DID you ever think it could be done—a dinner party with all the enchantment, the old-world charm of a soirée in Vienna—on a nickel rather than a dime? Not literally, of course, because parties do have a way of costing more than five cents, but this "Niki" party is really one of the cheapest for food and entertainment that you will ever find.

When snow is freshly fallen on the ground, or just powdering the air with white, and you sit around the fire after supper, playing that drole game "The Jumping Pig," things will become so exciting that you will probably make a night of it, just as we did in the lonesome huts of the Austrian Alps. In that case you can ask all your guests to stay for breakfast, serving buckwheat-buttermilk cakes, with delicious little "Jumping Pig" sausages.

If you give this simple sort of ski village supper, it must be understood at once that the great appeal of the party comes from its informality and the use of your fireplace—perhaps even to cook some of the dishes over—rather than from expensive food or wine. Apple-jack may be used to add zest to some of the recipes, and you may serve tall goblets of good old-fashioned cider, if you wish, but simple, inexpensive buckwheat or eggs are the preferred materials for making most of the dishes offered in this selection of recipes. You will keep and treasure them for many other snowy nights' suppers in the country, or for atmospheric parties in town.

For a more elaborate "ski village" supper, the kind you might encounter in one of the village hotels before the "Bauernballe" (Peasant Ball) we offer "Huhn Im Topf," a hen cooked with vegetables and served in individual covered casseroles with its vegetables; and for dessert, bowls heaped high with small mountains of vanilla ice cream, and on top each mountain a very tiny handmade doll-on-skis in the act of descending its vanilla ice cream slope. The tiny dolls are removed from their snowy slopes and kept as souvenirs of this unique dinner, while chocolate sauce or butterscotch sauce is passed with it.

Niki, after whom this party is named, is an old man with a small hut in the Tyrol, and it was in Niki's small hut that we learned all about the famous Sterz dishes for your Christmas party—and all about that ridiculous game "The Jumping Pig." In his heyday a celebrated skier, he tells with tears how he learned to ski jump. He was very young, he says, when he first put on skis. "Now, Niki," said Herr Hohenstoeffen, "thee will probably tumble when thee comes to the jumps. But I am going to make thee a present which will always stand thee in good stead." With that, his father drew from his pocket the tiniest little pig the boy had ever seen. To this day he does not know where his father found the wee animal and no one in the neighborhood has ever seen a pig so small, round, and cuddly.

"For several days," said Niki, "I played with that pig. I did not care whether I ever learned to ski. But he would jump, after awhile! Jump so fast and so quick that I could scarcely keep him in my hands a moment. 'Now,' said my father one morning, 'thee must ski, Niki. And here is some good advice. When thee comes to the jump—ooomph—take it high in the air. Do not worry about the other side. Imagine thee has the jumping pig asleep in thy hand and try to be smooth as a feather so he will not awaken and vault into the snow.'"

"In all innocence, this I did," explains Niki. "On every ski lesson for days and days, I went out of the house with that imaginary pig in my hand. The ski master never understood why I did not fall. He told my father that I must have been born floating down a mountainside. But father only looked very wise and laughed, and neither of us ever told the secret of the jumping pig."

At this moment Niki sets down a dish of Sterz on the table. Like as not it is flanked by tiny link sausages. We pour over it some of the amber-sweet syrup we brought in tins all the way from Vienna. And if you have never eaten Sterz in the cold winter in the country, then try this recipe by your own fireside some evening not too far distant! It is a simple peasant dish full of nourishment and suggestive of woodsy places.

Sterz

1 cupful of buckwheat (in America we have used buckwheat groats)
Hot water
¾ teaspoonful salt

Put the buckwheat in a dry iron pan which you will heat over a moderate fire. Stir with a wooden spoon till the flour is slightly roasted but not browned or scorched. It must be only dry and warm. There is no water or fat in the pan. When the meal becomes hot, stir in a little salt and add small quantities of hot water, stirring constantly till the meal is done and little lumps have formed. Eat with pure Vermont maple syrup, or cane sugar syrup, hot milk, or bouillon. Delicious served with country sausages. Serves four.

Brennsterz

1½ cupfuls buckwheat groats
Six cupfuls water
1 teaspoonful salt

In a large pot with boiling salted water the buckwheat is poured, so that it sticks out above the water. Without stirring, this is allowed to cook until it becomes a ball-shaped lump and topples over. Let it boil further until it forms a solid mass. Then take the pot

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Begonia dichotoma (above) grows two to three feet tall; has fibrous roots. The profuse small white flowers are carried towards the top of the shoots. Below: a rhizomatous hybrid, B. feasti, with thick, leathery leaves, red underneath. Flowers light pink. Right: Begonia olbia is fibrous rooted. A short, stout growing plant with showy, hairy, and bronzy green foliage, white dotted above

BEGONIAS for the sunroom

T. H. EVERETT

BEGONIAS featured by the Horticultural Committee of the Garden Club of America were admired by thousands of visitors to New York's International Flower Show two years ago, and from the numerous inquiries since received, it is evident that considerable interest centers in this attractive and diversified genus of plants. The Garden Club exhibit included about sixty distinct species and varieties ranging from seven-foot-high specimens of Begonia dichotoma to a tiny example of the quaint Calla-lily Begonia accommodated in a three-inch flower pot. All of these plants came from the greenhouses of the New York Botanical Garden, where they had been carefully tended in preparation for the show. They were attractively displayed in a sunroom of English design which opened off an oak-paneled living room, and the natural, unforced groupings of the plants served admirably to emphasize their usability as subjects for the embellishment of window gardens, sunrooms, and conservatories.

Inhabiting the moist tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world, the Begonias comprise one of the most important tender plant groups in cultivation today. At least a thousand distinct

species have been described by botanists, and the hybridist has been responsible for innumerable garden varieties. Almost all these, both species and varieties, are of decorative value, and a very considerable section is adaptable to sunroom conditions.

The first Begonia brought into cultivation was B. nitida which was sent from Jamaica to England in 1777; this was followed by other introductions from time to time until shortly after the middle of the nineteenth century when the discovery of the handsome-leaved Begonia rex excited considerable interest among horticulturists. The great impetus to Begonia growing did not come, however, until a few years later when the tuberous species began to arrive from South America, commencing with Begonia pearcei from Bolivia in 1865. Plant breeders worked with these and soon produced improved forms, culminating in the magnificent tuberous kinds we cultivate in our gardens and

greenhouses today, and which have proved most satisfactory.

The year 1880 marks a most important date in the history of Begonias under cultivation, for in this year Professor Bayley-Balfour of the Edinburgh Botanic Garden secured from the rocky, semi-desert island of Socotra seeds of a species which has since proved of inestimable value to the hybridist, Begonia socotrana, and is a parent of all our "Christmas Begonias" as well as of the large-flowered hybrids which are so spectacular at the fall flower shows—such beautiful and interesting varieties as Optima, Fascination, and Mrs. Heal.

Begonia manicata; resembling feasti with one half inch long pink flowers. Very popular. The leaves blotched yellow. Below: B. nitida odorata, fibrous. The small rosy flowers are sweetly fragrant. Has somewhat woody stems. Left: Begonia argenteo guttata, with shining leaves, green, thickly spotted white; the flowers are a beautiful flesh pink

It is, however, among the fibrous-rooted section of the genus that we must look for the sunroom plants and those kinds which produce thick, fleshy stems or rhizomes, particularly suited for our purpose. The plants in this group are evergreen and grow throughout the year without requiring any decided period of rest as do Begonias belonging to other sections, although like all plants they are more active at certain seasons than at others.

Their cultivation presents but few difficulties, for they succeed well in a temperature-range of from fifty-five to sixty degrees at night during the winter months with a ten-degree rise during the daytime permitted. In summer a night temperature of seventy or seventy-five degrees is not too high and this may be increased during the day. Sudden changes of temperature are to be avoided, and where the plants are grown close to the glass, it will be found a good plan to move them toward the center of the room or to insert sheets of paper between the glass and the foliage on cold nights. It must be remembered that Begonias are particularly impatient of drafts.

A moist atmospheric condition is conducive to healthy growth, and this is usually the one most difficult environmental factor to control satisfactorily in a sunroom, for it is rarely possible in such circumstances to wet down the floors several times a day as is done in greenhouse cultivation. Much can be accomplished in this respect however, by the simple device of standing the Begonia pots on shallow trays of zinc or copper filled with sand, gravel, or even cinders which are kept constantly moist.

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Regina Martin Gates

We took our Christmas Eve to the barn

JEAN HUTCHISON BARNES

It was the morning of "The Night Before Christmas," and visions of turkey to stuff, cranberry jelly, celery, and pudding to prepare came racing along. The plans all seemed so well laid, leading up to our party for a Christmas Eve in the country.

Our barn has been completely transformed in the past three years. It was just a fine, large old structure when the place was purchased; a stone wall foundation with spacious accommodations for the cows and horses downstairs, the grain room and hay lofts on the main floor, and at one end the original old barn, which had been made into a sheep pen after the big barn had been built.

Each year since our coming to the country exciting changes had been made. First the old sheep pen had been turned into a playroom extending up to the ridge pole. In this part all the timbers are hand hewn and pegged. Then, one half of the main barn was made into a large summer study. The next year a small study was built in this wing, so that now the entire wing is in use. Next we rebuilt the playroom making two rooms, a huge game room on the second floor with many windows overlooking the hilltops and the gorge and river back of us.

The stairway leads down into the part of the barn used as a workshop. Back of this is the granary, now magazine room. Under the game room we made the paneled room, using chestnut to panel and leaving the old hand-pegged beams exposed.

The front entrance faces a broad sweep of lawn, and flagstones cover a small entrance terrace. From the opposite side of the room one steps down on to a broad flagstone terrace with a lovely stone wall. These stones were formerly part of the old Erie Canal bank. From this terrace you overlook the gorge and down to the Owasco River.

We love the barn, have had much fun in watching it grow, and find it an absolutely perfect place to entertain in summer. The studies are constantly in use, and the game room always ready for billiards, bagatelle, or cards, while the paneled room is used for everything from breakfasts to dances. We decided to put it to use for the holiday, and started by asking our friends to come and sing Christmas carols. It seems significant to go to the barn for Christmas Eve.

The day was simply full of excitement, but not just the kind we had planned. It all started with the oil stove in the bathroom. It ran too high, and if you know oil stoves, you will understand that it takes only a few minutes for the smoke to go over the entire surface. It even penetrated the medicine cabinet and reached the smallest bottle, covering it with a black film.

Therefore, instead of following the orderly plan of preparation for the Christmas dinner, we gave the bathroom a very thorough house cleaning. Then the unusual sound of a siren, and a fire engine came flashing down the road. Soon the news was spreading of a fire in the village, and word that the Port Byron School was completely destroyed.

By afternoon the excitement had abated, and we were on our way to do the last minute errands and deliver Christmas baskets. At the sunset hour we started on the really delightful round of the day, to leave a Christmas candle at the homes of our neighborhood friends. It had been such fun arranging the candles in gay silvery holders, and tying them in perky packages with a personally written greeting, to ask our friends to light their candles with ours on Christmas Eve.

We returned for supper, and then it was time to go to the barn and light the many lovely red candles in the paneled room. It looked so festive with the large bowls of holly on the stretcher table and the big pine wreaths with dashing red bows on the paneled walls. Mistletoe, tied with silver ribbon, hung from one of the fine old hand-hewn beams in the center of the room.

The jolly Franklin stove with its lovely old blue tiles was sending out great warmth and cheer, and on the top was placed a large earthen crock filled with mulled wine which was steaming and spicy. The large wooden bowls were filled with shiny red apples, and everything was in welcome readiness for the arrival of our guests.

Outside, the world was dressed for a real country Christmas Eve, white and glistening, and the stars twinkling good wishes to all who had time to observe them. The lantern at the doorway cast a friendly glow across the snow path, and the pine trees at both sides of the entrance door were covered with tufts of soft white snow, Nature's own contribution to the decorations. Even the red bow on the big wreath on the white entrance door wore a gay white frill.

We had asked our guests to come from

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Give music this Christmas

The charming small piano used by Jenny Lind has been reproduced in an instrument suitable for the modern apartment or home. Courtesy S. L. Curtis

In the beginning . . . *As we listen to the soft-voiced carols being sung under our windows on Christmas Eve, we seldom realize that this caroling has been going on for generations. Fortunately, although throughout the centuries some holiday customs have been obliterated, this delightful one has come down to us and is, indeed, a rich heritage. Ever since that immortal night on the plains of Bethlehem when the star guided shepherds and wise men to the manger, songs have been sung to honor His birthday. But according to legendary history, the first true Christmas carol was not written or sung until the thirteenth century when St. Francis of Assisi, in attempting to represent the manger scene as part of a sacred service, composed songs about the Nativity to accompany the tableau. At first these early carols were only sung in churches but their beauty made them so popular that they gradually became universal and the original purpose of accompanying the praecipio was forgotten. Now, after nearly two thousand years have passed, the Christmas carol is still one of the truest and loveliest expressions of the real Christmas spirit.—L. P. B.*

EDNA DEU PREE NELSON

YEARS ago it was a ride behind jingling sleigh bells to grandmother's for Christmas. In the cozy parlor, after presents had been distributed from the mammoth tree, the family gathered around the handsome rosewood piano in its square case and sang familiar carols that embodied the festive spirit. It was music for Christmas then, just as it is today.

In recent years, however, the radio has led in popularity for filling the stockings of the nation and providing the carols. Until a year or two ago, those who felt that music appreciation and the art of playing instruments were being neglected by the young folk looked gloomy and talked pretty unhappily of the decline in self-culture and accomplishment. "Radio has done it," they said. Within the last two years, however, there has come about a renaissance in the piano business; manufacturers have made revolutionary changes in design; there is renewed and healthy interest in piano playing, and this instrument is again at the top of the list for Christmas cheer. And the radio has had its share in bringing about this revival.

Fostered by a growing understanding and appreciation of fine music, there has been for some time a growing interest among young people and adults to become accomplished pianists, singers, instrumentalists. The demand for talent on radio programs, the success of amateurs on the radio hours, the need for musicians in motion pictures, added leisure, these things have stimulated this ambition. Those

A modern version of the Early American spinet grand piano in maple by Mathushek (below). Left: Two Musette pianos from Winter & Co

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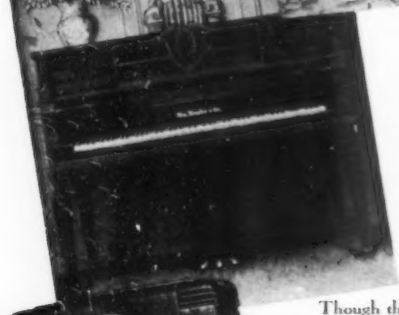

The best lines in the old styles are retained for the new pianos as evidenced by the William Knabe & Co upright at the left, and the design directly below simulating an old-fashioned harpsichord by Steinway & Sons

Though the radio is a comparatively new instrument in the home, it has developed in leaps and bounds in both design and performance. Crosley console at left; below it a modern Philco in the Masonite House at the Texas Centennial Exposition; and, right below, the Westinghouse console

Donahue Studios

responsible for the education and training of children should encourage this desire, for there is both culture and mental medicine in a knowledge of music. Dr. Eliot, who may be said to have made Harvard more popular than ever Harvard made him, once said that, "music, rightly taught, is the best mind trainer on the list." And this is not far from the truth.

A generation ago the automobile and radio combined to provide the post-war youth with speed and momentary satisfaction to the detriment of his own self-culture. He could travel rapidly from one entertainment to another; there were jazz bands and radio for dancing, and this stimulated him momentarily. It was new, novel, exciting. Radio then was an experiment; there were no fine symphonies or outstanding musical programs on the air. The piano, once the only means of bringing music into the home, once the badge of distinction and culture, was neglected for strident brasses, played by a "hot" orchestra. Time was too precious to devote to the intricate technique of the piano!

It began to look as if the prophets were right, but now the reaction to the post-war attitude has come about. People now want to perform and to become proficient at some phase of musical art. During the slow years makers have been experimenting to improve action, tone, and performance. They have produced better soundboards, have accelerated action; achieved greater range of tone, and in a most revolutionary manner accomplished style in small cases without sacrificing tone. There is a piano within the price range of every purse. The large concert grand, like the old squares, is not suited to the small living room and city apartment of the small family. In a big room, rightly proportioned for such a piece of furniture, the grand piano is charming but decorators found it cumbersome in an otherwise balanced small room. The old uprights were equally bad because of stiff and unattractive looking cases.

Manufacturers consulted with designers and overcame these objections. As a consequence there are many handsome models on the market which combine the lovely lines of the old oblong pianos or pianofortes with the upright. Some makers have gone deliberately to old designs, reproducing the charming sma. models of a century ago when ceilings were low, rooms not so spacious as in the Victorian era; and others, with a feeling for the modern, have achieved small, charming instruments akin in styling to contemporary modern furniture. It is possible to find models styled for almost any period: early American, Jacobean, Sheraton, Louis XV, Chippendale, all finished in suitable woods and all without sacrificing quality.

Parents, educators, schools, and manufacturers of instruments are making a

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GIVE A HOBBY FOR CHRISTMAS

Helen Sprackling

Collecting the smaller pieces is a fascinating phase of the silver hobby. Scissors sugar tongs, about the Queen Anne period; second pair, about 1760-80. Courtesy of Robert Ensko, Inc.

TO START a friend on the collector's path is one of the merriest gifts you can think of, for always the giving of something old is a subtle compliment; it implies a particularly understanding and appreciative mind. In this case, however, the individual item, providing it is worthy, matters least of all for what you are really giving are years of interest and pleasure, the thrill of finding and accumulating. You are giving a never ending delight that can last a lifetime. To some people you may even be giving a goal for living. The gift can be as blessed as that.

The requisites of a worthwhile collection are æsthetic value and rich personal meaning. Both are found in great quantity in our own Americana. In whatever direction one turns, what one really collects is the story, the record of our own social history. One never fails to achieve this goal.

The aristocrat of collections is antique silver. It is the metal of the ages and its traditions are centuries old. Furthermore it was made entirely by hand and carries an intimate relationship between its design and its function. In our country the era of greatest available beauty is between 1750 and 1800. Silver that precedes that time is extremely rare and has already found its way into museum and private collections. The first few years after the turn of the 19th century also hold considerable interest, but by 1825 there is a marked heaviness of design which continues through the Victorian period and makes silver after this date of little interest or value to most collectors.

Choose a design that you are sure can be matched and start with, let us say, a teapot. The creamer and sugar follow in due course of time and the set is considered complete only when spoons from the same period have been added. The collecting of smaller pieces such as tongs, porringers, and flatware is indulged in by those who do not care for nor have the room for the larger pieces. American-made spoons are a most fascinating phase of this hobby.

There is a canny side also to a good silver collection; it is always increasing in value. All through the depression it was the one antique commodity which maintained an upward trend in price and is today selling for about twice as much as it was five years ago. It's always a sound investment.

The field of china collecting is so broad that seasoned collectors advise starting with the personal note whenever possible. Matching great-great-grandmother's sugar bowl or finding the sixth cup and saucer is a logical start which invariably leads one to a broader field. There is scarcely anyone, however, who once started on its trail, does not become a quick victim to the charms of old blue Staffordshire.

Ever since the Revolution the English china merchant has capitalized on America's intense patriotic spirit in the designs which he produced for this country; witness, armorial Lowestoft. This new blue-ware was more appealing than ever because it immortalized American contemporary scenes and "views," the heroes of the day and important events in the nation's life. Series depicting the high spots of Boston, of New York, the Erie Canal, a world-famous enterprise at that time, Benjamin Franklin and his precepts, Lafayette's famous visit, and a series known as "Beauties of America" are only a few from about 250 altogether which make this old blue-ware today not only a fascinating pursuit and an amusing collection but also an important historical document and an extremely valuable record of the formative periods of our own country.

Less ambitious collectors delight in specializing in all pink, or some one of the other colors, in matching patterns or collecting certain pieces. Old sugar bowls and small cream pitchers are favorite items for beginners.

It remains, however, for pressed glass to be one of the most zestful, controversial, and challenging, and therefore popular, of the collector's delights. Production began about 1825 and marks the beginning of the first indigenous, typical and independently American glass in this country. From the earliest "lacy Sandwich," it makes a constant bid for the collector's interest almost up to 1900. Much of it is well outside the "antique" classification yet it is sought for the naïve charm of its designs.

About a hundred years ago it was fashionable to drink one's tea from the saucer. What to do with the cup was a little problem solved by the glass cup plate, now a choice collector's item. Those dating from 1830 to 1840 or thereabouts are of lacy Sandwich and like the old blue Staffordshire generously enriched with the historical motif: Bunker Hill monument, the frigate Constitution, the American Eagle, etc. After 1840 the "historicals" gave place to patterns of detailed richness or the opposite, bold, large scale and rather commonplace motifs. Color becomes frequent in the later ones also. It is

These charming relics of an old Queen's ware tea set are decorated with gilt bands and a strawberry pattern in green and red. About 1775-1815. Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Characteristic pieces of old blue Staffordshire which include the Deaf and Dumb Asylum (platter) Hartford, Conn., from "The Beauties of America" and a pitcher portraying the Erie Canal. Courtesy of W. H. Plummer. Directly above, pressed glass compote and sugar bowl in the "Baltimore Pear" pattern, shown through courtesy of Mrs. William Grieg Walker

speaking with reservation to say that a comprehensive collection of cup plates is no mean achievement. Perseverance is required.

By 1860 the manufacture of pressed glass was a thriving industry with the Boston and Sandwich Co. at Sandwich, Mass., in the lead. For years "Sandwich" was in danger of becoming a generic term for all pressed glass, regardless of source, until astute and devoted collectors like Ruth Webb Lee began tracking various patterns to their sources and insisting on their due credit. As a result, Pittsburgh, Portland, Maine, New York State, Ohio, are now known to be responsible for some of the most popular patterns in demand. The quality of the glass changed from a ringing lead flint glass to a much cheaper lime metal, and in the years after the Civil War pressed glass was practically a boom product, made in large quantities, sold at a low price, and some of it even given away as premiums. Each factory tried to beat the other to market with a new pattern each season, and it is estimated that hundreds of different patterns were issued in the period from 1835 to 1900. The "Baltimore Pear" was made, not in Baltimore at all as you might think but by Adams and Co., in Pittsburgh in 1888. The diamond-and-thumb print is also old Pittsburgh glass. Both patterns are indicative of the charm which is characteristic of pressed glass in general and the later period in particular.

Whatever your gift when you present it, it might not come amiss to add that for all collectors there are certain rules that it is wise to heed. In brief they are: The only way to learn how to collect is to begin. Choose the pattern or the type of article that you desire, then acquire a thorough knowledge of it through all the books that you can find on the subject and through research at museums. Take nothing on mere hearsay alone. Choose those things which have also beauty, for mere antiquity in itself is not enough. Remember that good taste is essential to a *choice* collection.

One learns by mistakes, but when it comes to collecting they may be costly. When you are ready to buy, choose an established, reputable dealer who is willing to back up the sale with a written record of authenticity, for there are too many dealers in the game who are anxious to sell wholly worthless pieces to the novice collector.

Best wishes for collector's luck, and a very Merry Christmas!

—or start some friend's fine china collection

DOMINA DRIEMEN

Above: examples of Spode. Left foreground, the Tree of Life; right, the Pink Tower pattern. At right: a Wedgwood coffee set with simple horizontal bands of blue. Courtesy, Anderson's, Minneapolis

"WHEN I go to any great house," Charles Lamb is quoted as saying, "I inquire first for the china closet."

Now, present-day visitors may not be so bold, but if you have a fairly well-stocked cabinet and the appreciation that goes with it, you'll probably exhibit said cabinet, or lay the coffee-table with an eye to making "china-converts." For, truly, no phase of domestic life has so much art in it, or is so full of glamour. Nothing connected with beautifying the home and enhancing the routine of living offers quite so much variety, is so intimate, or so expressive of individuality. Nothing is quite so rewarding. I do not wish to belittle the other phases; of course they are important. Yet, they cannot be quite so personal or so individual as the collection of chinaware. Both you and your best friend may have a passion for Minton. But the odds are prohibitive against duplication of pattern, and hence, mood. Duplication is a veritable rarity!

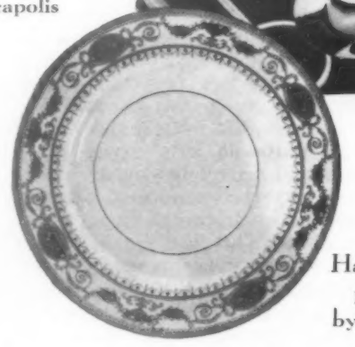
In attending several teas within a short space of time, I noticed a great similarity in table settings, in the food dishes and in the attending novelties due, no doubt, to the prevalence of a current mode. Yet no two teas were completely alike. In each, the judicious display of china was instrumental in making that occasion distinctive to its hostess. Not only that, but in some cases, the array brought out virtues that modesty hid under a bushel. For fine china, just as it will reflect light in a certain way, will through constant handling, absorb the best qualities of its owner and reflect them to an appreciative audience at exactly the right moment.

Minton plate called the "Green Lyre"

The possibilities of variety of interest are limitless. Every plate, every design has a story behind it. For example, for those lovers of romance in the domestic scene, there is the well-known Willow Tree pattern with variations by almost every famous maker of china. In this design, unfolded on the dinner plate, is the story of an Oriental Romeo and Juliet. For the collector, it is of great interest to follow the various episodes of the adventure as expounded by the different potters.

Further, in developing a keener interest, consider the average man. Proud as he may be of his home, his activities in its growth may be perfunctory. But open up the world of china to him, give him a hint of the mysteries to be learned, the glazes, the lusters, patterns, and etchings; and the history of the art involving some of the greatest names in the world of statesmanship, business, and art, and you'll probably not only have an active partner in your efforts, but very possibly, a real enthusiast, which always makes domestic life more lively and entertaining.

I do not wish to imply that china collecting is strictly a museum art, even if designed for the home, though such it may be. One can make a specialty of Whieldon pieces—tea pots or cats. One can concentrate on a single family of china, like Wedgwood, Spode, or Hammersley, or go in for Dresden figurines or vases. Single odd plates make a welcome addition to the general collection or for room decoration and may be selected according to purse and taste. And once again, the rewards for search and discrimination, for patience and understanding, are incomparable. It is a subject for endless conversation between friends, on the technical and romantic aspects as well as the social!



Harwood plate by Lenox

Among other bits, I have taken great joy in picking up single teacups with matching saucers, as well as demi-tasse cups. On the center shelf of my china cabinet are three Hammersleys, one of gold and white, one apple green (a famous color), gold and white; one royal blue, gold, and white. There is a Jenners, also in apple green and gold in

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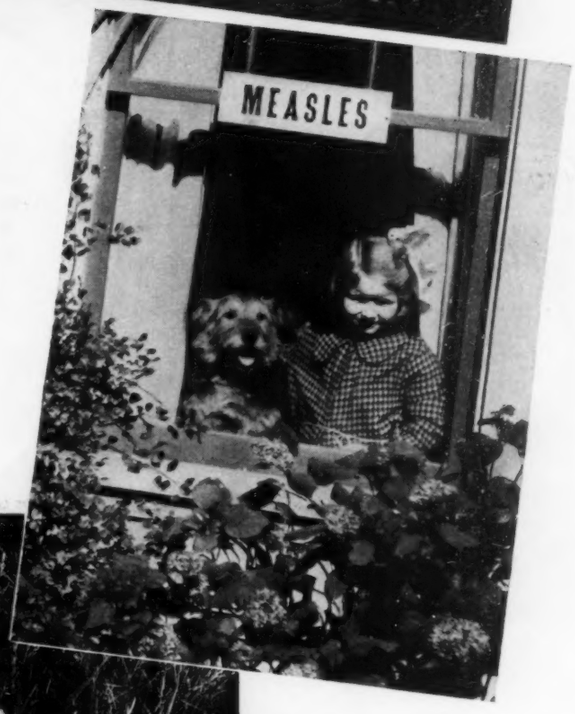
You can give them nothing finer!

LOUISE PRICE BELL



Nothing can take the place of the many happy hours of companionship and genuine pleasure a pet affords a child. He watches the animal develop and takes a special interest in his diet and routine care which in turn helps in his own development

At bottom, the Editor's daughter and canine "family"

"I'D GIVE up my bicycle if I could *only* have a dog!" sighed a chubby lad as he stroked the back of his chum's new terrier.

"Why can't you?" questioned his friend. "This one didn't cost anything. Dad got it from some Humane Society where people leave their dogs if they don't want to keep them themselves."

"It isn't that," the lad explained, slowly, still stroking the dog. "Mom says they are a nuisance and bring in too much dirt. Gee, I'd take all the care of a dog and everything . . . but . . . well, I just can't have one, that's all."

Doesn't it seem as if that boy is being cheated? Most children love animals and every child should have one or more pets for which to care. They are splendid influences in youngsters' lives, for they bring with them responsibility which in turn has a steadying influence and is character-building as well, giving them a wholly unselfish interest.

Every phase of a child's education must be started at *his* level rather than the one at which we, as parents, are aiming for him. Because of this fact it is important that the very young child be first taught only the simple things about his pets' care. Even little tots can assist in the care and feeding of their dependents long before they can be given full charge of them. They can fill the canary's food and water cups and sprinkle fresh gravel on the clean paper in the bottom of the bird cage, and they can prepare the food for their dog or cat—at first under supervision, later alone. In doing this, children learn the foods which their pets should have and thus get a real course in diet, nutrition, and general health which is invaluable. Printed or typed instructions upon the care of whatever pet the child has may be tacked in some convenient place where he has easy access to it—such as the inside of the kitchen cupboard door. With this authentic information before him, the child can make no mistakes and at the same time will acquire information and discipline that is well worth while. Besides, the associations brought about by a child caring for his pet draw the two closer together, and this attachment has real spiritual value. The child's unselfish thought of Tabby or Fido cannot help but be reflected in his attitude toward other animals, as well as in his attitude toward people.

"I can't play now," explained a ten-year-old lad as he left his group of playmates after school and started toward home. "I have to give Rags a bath."

"Aw—c'mon," urged his companions. "Do it tomorrow."

But the lad shook his head, grinning. "Nope!" he answered. "Can't . . . today's the day for his bath. So long!"

This lad, who felt the urge of his dog's needs so strongly, was developing a quality that is most worthy, for boys and girls who are faithful to their duties and responsibilities are what we need for our country's future. If that boy's dog taught him nothing else, he did teach him to think of others first, and that alone was worth far more than the cost of the animal's keep.

Of course a very young child has to be taught just how to associate with his pets. He knows nothing about them and with natural baby curiosity longs to find out. If he pulls his cat's tail, it is not because he means to be unkind but rather because the waving appendage attracts him. It really takes but little time and patience to teach a mere baby what to do rather than what *not* to do as regards his pets, and if done in the right way, it will be no time at all before the baby will understand thoroughly.

Screeching: "Stop that, Peggy!" when you discover Peggy using Tabby's tail for a pump handle will only delight Peggy because of the excitement she is causing, for dramatics appeal to children. But if you sit quietly on the floor beside Peggy (and why do so few mothers sit on the floor with their children?), take the child's hand

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If your gift must be a "little one"

F. M. Demarest

—give of yourself and it will be a more gracious one, more appreciated than many a luxurious selfless one. And who will scorn home talents and home delicacies—especially if one lives in an apartment or is a "delicatessen wife?" Then, too, many a good kitchen has denied itself or needs replacing of these little utensil or tool luxuries. FLORENCE E. FIELD

Almond cookies

1 pound butter
1 cupful brown sugar
1 cupful white sugar
3 eggs
½ teaspoonful vanilla
1 cupful almonds
2 teaspoonfuls cinnamon
5 cupfuls flour
1 teaspoonful baking powder
½ teaspoonful almond extract

Melt butter slowly. Add sugar. Mix other ingredients. Pack in freezing tray of refrigerator over night. Slice thin and bake in 375° oven.

Rum cookies

1 cupful butter
¼ cupful sugar
2 cupfuls flour
½ teaspoonful salt
Yolks 3 hard cooked eggs
Grated rind 1 lemon
¼ cup rum or brandy

Mix and roll thin. Cut into fancy shapes, brush with egg white and dust with cinnamon and sugar. Garnish with a pecan. Bake until brown in a 375° oven.

Krispies

1 cupful butter
1 cupful sugar
1 egg yolk
2 cupfuls flour
4 teaspoonfuls cinnamon
½ teaspoonful salt
¼ pound chopped pecan meats

Cream butter and sugar, add egg yolk, flour, and other ingredients. Press dough into a buttered, flat, oblong pan. Brush top with egg white and press in the nuts. Bake in a 375° oven 20 to 25 minutes.

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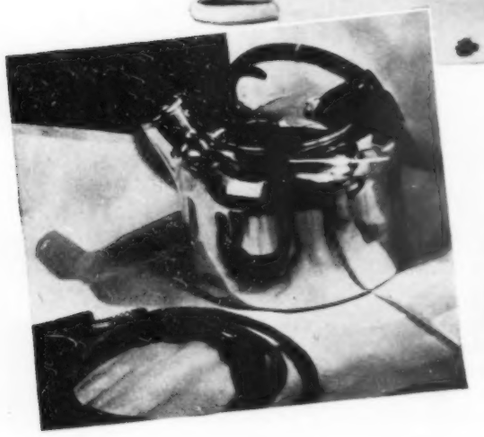

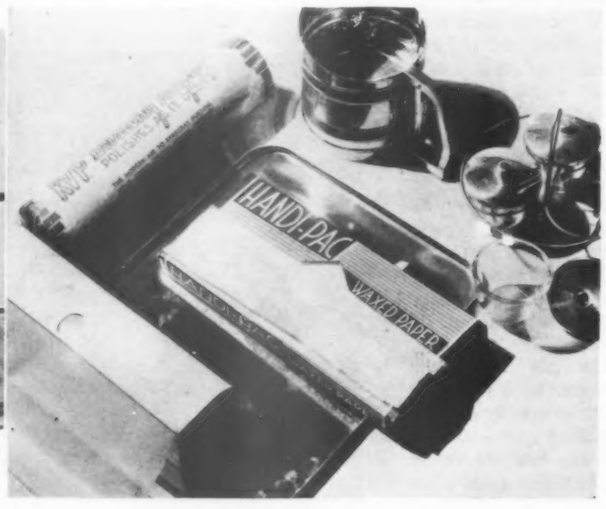

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Christmas Eve everyone serves himself

—for to have to sit down to a scheduled dinner with a tree to trim, gifts to wrap and deliver, etc. is as hard on the family temper as it is on Mother's. Just set these dishes on the table—and forget them

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• white fruit cake

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• baked beans

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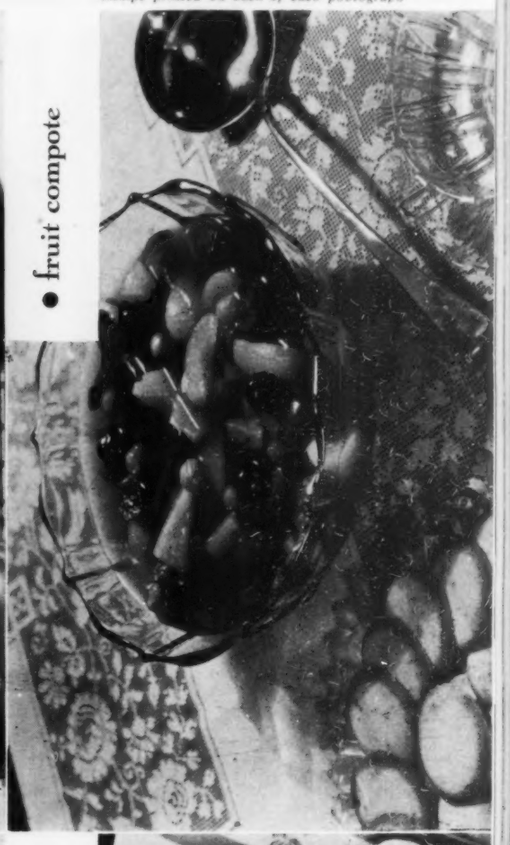
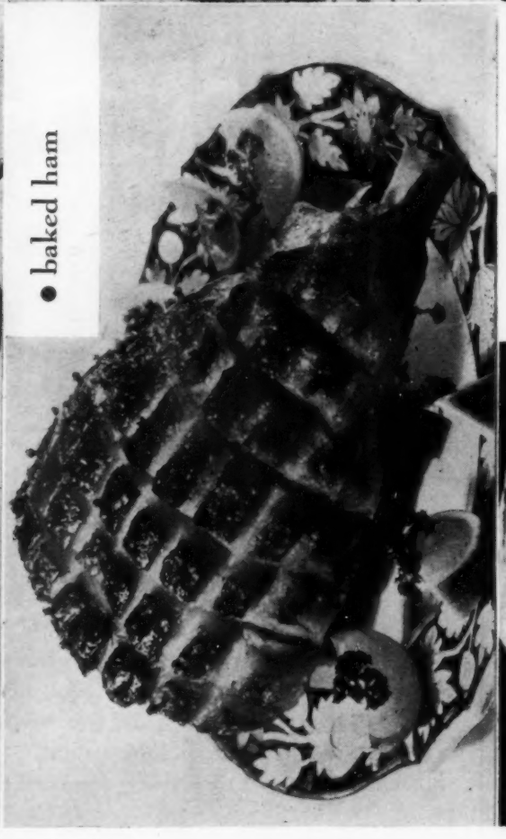
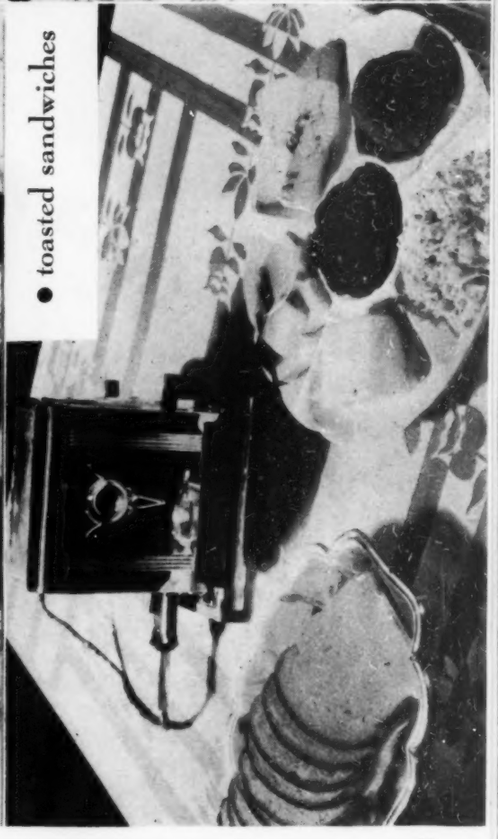


• fruit compote

• simple buffet meal



• baked ham



• toasted sandwiches

E. M. Demarest

Christmas Eve everyone serves himself

'Twas the night before Christmas . . . but lots of creatures were stirring, busy with a million and one last minute hustlings —all of which means no time to prepare dinner. That's why we give these suggestions for dishes you can prepare in advance and "snacks" which come already prepared and which, with a little dressing up, can be made very, very tempting

Photograph printed on back of each recipe

• toasted sandwiches

PUT an assortment of sandwich fillings on the table for a light meal on Christmas Eve, so that everybody may make his own. You will need an electric toaster and plenty of sliced bread and butter. For the fillings, the list at the right is suggested:

Serve olives or pickles as an accompaniment to the sandwiches.

Crabflake and celery mixed with mayonnaise
Minced ham
Cheese—American, Swiss, Roquefort
Hard-cooked egg mixed with chopped green pepper and mayonnaise
Cream cheese with pineapple, olives, or nuts

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• fruit compote

FRUIT compote makes a suitable, refreshing dessert for a quick meal. Use any combination of fresh fruit your family prefers or use mixed canned fruit, and for a holiday touch add a few more maraschino cherries and pour the maraschino juice over the fruit.

A dish of plain or assorted cookies should accompany the fruit.

Canned fruit
Maraschino cherries
Cookies

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• baked ham

MIX flour and corn meal with water to make a stiff dough. Put ham into pan and cover thoroughly with the dough. Place, uncovered in a medium (375° F.) oven and cook for 4 hours. Then remove from oven, take baked dough crust from ham. Remove skin and score fat into inch cubes. Stick whole cloves into each square. Mix mustard with water and pour over ham. Pat brown sugar into top of ham. Pour ginger ale into roasting pan and oranges and lemon. Place ham in pan and bake uncovered in moderate (375° F.) basting frequently. Bake for 45 minutes. Strain sauce in pan and serve with ham.

1 ham (8 to 10 lbs.)
3 lbs. of flour
1 lb. of corn meal
Cold water
Whole cloves
3 tablespoonfuls dry mustard
2 cupfuls brown sugar
1 large bottle ginger ale
2 oranges, sliced
1 lemon, sliced

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• baked beans

ONE of the simplest dishes to serve—particularly when mealtime is uncertain and the food must stand indefinitely—is baked beans. If you do not have time to prepare your favorite recipe, use canned beans and heat them in individual bean pots. Add a tablespoonful of molasses to them if your family prefers baked beans quite sweet. The beans may be left in the oven to keep hot until they are needed.

Brown bread and butter sandwiches make the perfect accompaniment to the beans. The brown bread, too, may be bought ready made.

Baked Beans
Brown bread
Butter

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• simple buffet meal

USING one of the new buffet serving dishes with three compartments for keeping food warm, a simple menu might be: Creole tuna, corn pudding, string beans. These foods are to be prepared in the kitchen and kept warm on the dining room table in the electric buffet server.

Creole tuna

2 tablespoonfuls butter
2 tablespoonfuls flour
1 small tomato, peeled and cut
2 tablespoonfuls chopped green pepper
1½ cupfuls milk
1 small can tuna fish
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in saucepan, add chopped pepper and tomato. Cook 3 minutes. Add flour and mix well. Add milk and stir until smooth. Add flaked tuna and cook for about 10 minutes. Serve on toast.

Corn pudding

4 cupfuls corn
2 cupfuls milk
Salt
3 eggs (separated)
1½ cupfuls butter
Pepper

Beat yolks; add corn, milk, butter, salt, and pepper. Pour into a buttered baking dish; add beaten whites and bake in moderate oven one hour.

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• white fruit cake

CREAM butter and sugar and add eggs, one at a time. Sprinkle sliced fruit with the flour. Mix dry ingredients with remainder of flour and stir into the batter. Add fruit juice and grated rind and mix well. Add the floured fruit. Bake in loaf pans which have been buttered and lined with waxed paper. Bake in a 325° oven for 1 to 1½ hours. While cakes are still warm pour a cupful of wine or brandy over them, if desired. This recipe will make 4 or 5 fruit cakes.

This cake, wrapped attractively, makes a very acceptable gift.

1 lb. butter
2 cupfuls sugar
12 eggs
4 cupfuls flour
1 lemon—juice and rind
1 orange—juice and rind
1 lb. shelled nuts
1 lb. each, raisins, sultanas, dates
½ lb. each citron, candied cherries
¼ lb. each candied lemon peel, candied orange peel
2 slices of candied pineapple
2 teaspoonfuls salt
2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
1 teaspoonful each cloves, allspice

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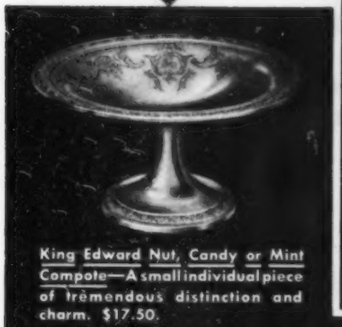

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For a child's Christmas

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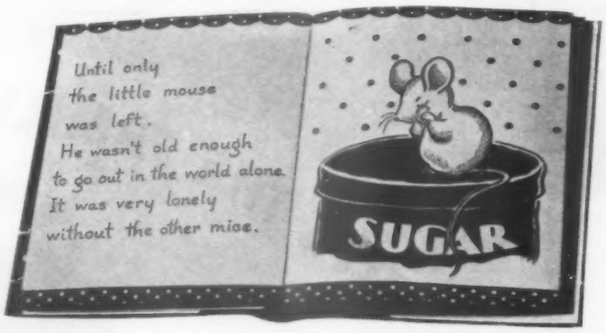
they'll fool you if you don't watch out. Each page features a letter of the alphabet, and since this is both a book and a game, one has to watch like everything to find all the objects pictured which begin with these letters. One can do it in French or English, and leaping about the pages are everything from zebras and tulips to sandwiches (very small on purpose so one almost misses them) and field spiders, also very hard for all but very keen little boys and girls with very sharp pencils to jot things down. There's a complete list of words which can be found in the pictures, but it's not fair to sneak a look until brother and sister are quite sure they've found everything. In five colors, Random House publishes this fascinating game-book for the inviting price of $1.50.

And now I am torn, and I am going to be quite fair to both of them. "George Washington" by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaires is a great big picture book of lovely lithographs. The d'Aulaires worked for two years on this picture book of George Washington, and it is a real American picture book. For two dollars, I know it is a very great bargain, and Doubleday's must be praised for this contribution. Well, I was fair and honest—but the book I personally would place next (and remember these are being written of as "values" not just for their artistry) would be "Joseph Haydn, the merry little peasant." I hate to say it is "instructive and cultural" because I am so afraid you may not open its covers in your book store and that would be pretty dreadful. However, it is instructive and cultural, being the biography of the great musician Haydn, but my how easy instruction would be to take if only other grown-up educators could tell a story as can Opal Wheeler and Sybil Seucher. And if everybody could draw with the humor and charm of Mary Greenwalt—well, I guess we'd just have more books like theirs. Music of Haydn's is sprinkled all through the text and Mary Greenwalt was not stingy with her pictures. Don't you just loathe the children's books which put in a few measly pictures? Well I do. I am supposed to be collecting children's books as a wedding gift for my daughter—but I would never dare tell her how very glad I am that "the day" is a long way off and grateful for many more years in which to read and handle and chortle over them. This particular book of Duttons' is expressly labeled "for boys and girls, from eight to twelve years of age." But I did not see that, fortunately, until I had gone through it thoroughly, with pauses to pick out some of the music on my piano. This costs two dollars, is very special, and worth it.



Know some little tot who is rather dreading her first day at school, or speculating curiously about school? Duttons publish a picture book which children as

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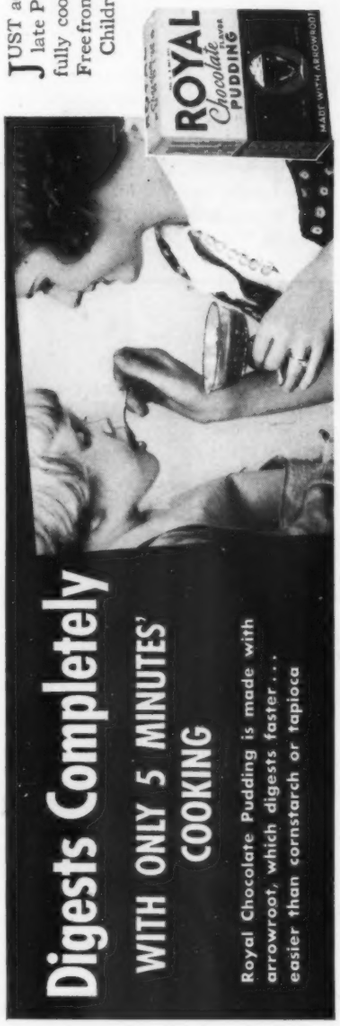
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filagree pattern with a brushed effect; a Royal Crown Derby, with its famous brilliant red, blue, and gold colors and scroll-flower pattern; and a Royal Albert with a ring of roses on gold. Most of these are extras or left-overs from specially designed sets and, chances are, they will not be duplicated. But there are always left-overs to make up highly individualized sets.

On the lower shelf are four Japanese cups and saucers. The latter are two in one, since there is a cake plate attached. On the top shelf, the coffee or chocolate cups are also Japanese. Two smaller ones, however, are Meissen, the real name for Dresden, and which bear the crossed swords marks and crown used to indicate the Saxony china made in the time of Frederick the Great.

It is not a completely new practise to serve tea in individual cups, but it is one whose charm has been overlooked for many years. This cabinet represents many unusually successful teas. Even those friends who have come often, are always entranced by the variety of the cups. There is always the excitement of seeing which cup will fall to whose lot. There are always new things to be discovered in an old familiar cup, and tea drinking becomes infused with a new flavor. The cups themselves are always topics of conversation. Collecting such odd bits is always a pleasant occupation, and the joy of discovery is unconfined. Have you ever heard two discoverers comparing notes? Here is real glamour. Each tea I have given has had the spice of the rare and, with all due modesty, each has been well remembered. A single cup and saucer, by the way, is a very correct, original, and charming gift to the lover of chinaware. At Christmas, a carefully selected piece cannot be excelled as an expression of good taste. And it is also a way of opening up this fascinating world to those who have not realized its possibilities.

For the home appointed in the modern manner, the makers of fine china have designed appropriate patterns. The Wedgwood coffee set in a sunroom setting is typical. Normally, the mention of Wedgwood brings to mind the famous Jasper ware in the lovely powder blues, sage greens or salmons with the white cameo decorations of classical figures, festoons, and arabesques. But the photograph reveals a new Wedgwood, though in the finest tradition of the maker. The decoration

"LAND'S SAKE, I've made them this way for years"

GIVE a slice of Heinz fresh cucumber pickle to that dear old lady in the calico dress, and watch her eyes light up with memories—savory memories of the old farm kitchen! Instantly she'll recognize the recipe as her own—lush cucumbers, fresh from the vine; mellow old vinegar and rare Oriental spices.

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consists of simple horizontal bands of blue, shading from powder blue to robin's egg and finally losing itself in the creamy white of the body. Modern this set may be, but in the "biscuit," under the glaze, there is the famous blue tint which is characteristic of Wedgwood.

In the collection of Mrs. F. M. Sures, of Winnipeg, there is a Royal Crown Derby coffee set illustrating the more classical tradition. Unlike furniture, however, fine china, no matter what the style, is at home anywhere. These pieces are in the finest Derby style. The glaze is especially lovely; its velvet smoothness is unmarred, and it follows the early Bow and Chelsea influence that predated it in 1775. The colors are carnelian and gold against royal blue, with scroll, bombshell, cross-hatch, and flower pattern after the Japanese Imari designs. The characteristic rose tint is also apparent through the glaze. The application of gold is especially noteworthy. The gold on any piece of chinaware is baked on after the design. The whole cup, excepting the area to receive the gold, is covered with a soft paste, the gold dusted on, baked, and the paste removed. An indifferent piece will always give itself away in the sloppy gold work. This is something to be watched, though easily seen.

In Mrs. Sures' collection is a Dresden bonbon dish bearing the blue underglaze mark of Meissen. More than any other species, Dresden groups itself into one family. The acquisition of new pieces always gives new life to the old ones. The cover of the bonbon box is decorated with raised flowerettes, as delicate as the natural ones, in pastel shades of buff, rose, and canary that belong only to the world of china. The leaf and vase design on the dish is of heavily embossed gold, dull and opaque in contrast to the translucent gold of the Derby which it sets off. The large urn in this collection is typical. Its milky white glaze, its cupids, fretwork, scrolls, and moulded rosettes will be found on most Dresden pieces that brighten the mantelpiece or curio cabinet.

It is worth mentioning that Dresden is really the ancestor of all Western china. It was the first to use kaolin, a clay which changed the body from the soft brittle paste of early times to the hard paste which has been current for the last 150 years. And this discovery was made by one Johann Boettger, searching for the philosopher's "stone." Oh, there is romance enough here!

But, after all, the essential function of all china is as dinnerware. The same artistic expression in selection and use, however, can be applied to everyday dishes, and making them harmonize and point up the mood of the home as to the finest ornamental sculpturesques. By way of example, I have chosen Minton, Spode, and Lenox. The Minton plate with the lyre center has an emerald wreath and is called the Green Lyre. The Spodes (the six-plate illustration) are rather typical. Spode has always been considered the Chippendale of the china world. The original patterns were largely influenced by the tea papers that came in from the East India Company in China. Today, the patterns still show the same influence. The Tree of Life design, shown in the left foreground, is an especially good example of this. In the right foreground is the famous Pink Tower pattern, an offshoot of the Willow Tree, and carrying over a century's tradition with it. In the background from left to right are the Blue Ermine, Buttercup, Jewelled Rose, a plain white plate with raised pattern and a flower center, and the Gainsborough. The colors, with the exception of the blue in the Blue Ermine, are largely yellows, saffrons, rust, puce and russets, and a rich red. Spode is a heavier china; its glaze being particularly high, and very hard. It has a decidedly outdoor flavor, and the home whose garden is evident indoors will surely be represented by lovely floral Spode patterns.

Service plates, by the way, are an art in themselves. They can be collected separately. The everyday set can be toned up to a real formalness against the proper background. The festive plate on page 52 with fruit dish and garland design is a Harwood—an example of Lenox.

Constant living with one's china imparts to it a patina of one's own best character. As with no other article of the home furnishings, "my china is mine own." No piece of furniture can be handled as can chinaware. Perhaps one reason for this intimate charm is the fact that of all the home utensils, china alone remains as the work of the craftsman. Today, as a century ago, each piece is handmade. The superlative workmanship of each piece, the unlimited fantasy, in design (this is the most imaginative of all arts; novelties being unlimited. A new Laura Knight design features a circus background) all give to chinaware a depth which takes years to penetrate. The beauty of the handmade object passes from the individuality of the maker to that of the owner, and is perhaps an explanation of this touchstone of social success.

The collection of rare pieces is within the reach of the average

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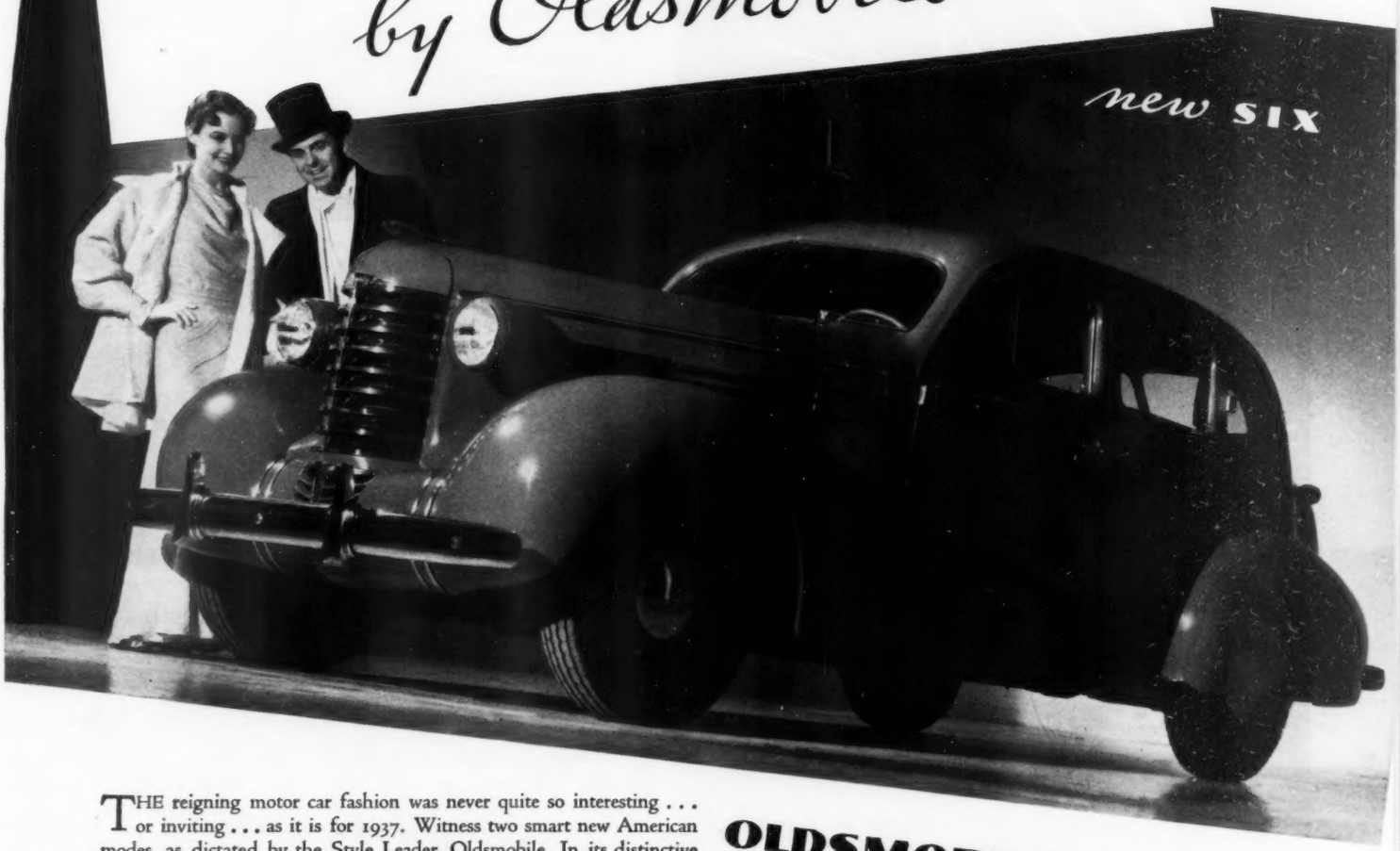

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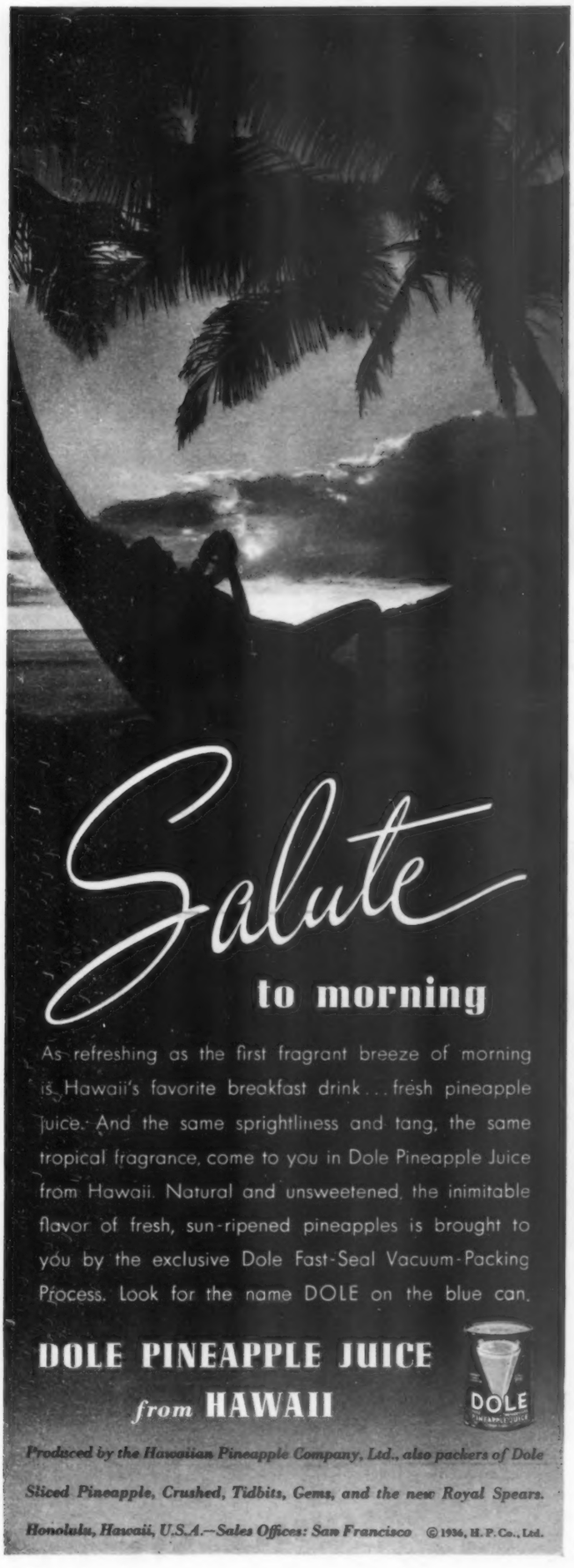
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For a child's Christmas

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young as three will enjoy, and in this photographic picture book a camera pokes its lens through a classroom window and shows exactly what happens from the time the children arrive in the morning until school is dismissed. Real children in a real first grade, absorbed at reading, writing, singing and a party for the very young in kindergarten. The author is a competent teacher and Ruth Nichols took the pictures.

F. M. Demarest

And now may I recommend—

For children up to six:

ELEPHANT TWINS, by Inez Hogan. Duttons, $1

Just to say that Inez Hogan created the famous "Nicodemus" books should really be sufficient. But, if you must know, this one is all about big elephants and little elephants in all sorts of trouble, monkeys, and giraffes too.

MANNERS CAN BE FUN, by Munro Leaf. Stokes; price $1.25

In the best regulated homes there will be lapses—the neighbor's children's influence, of course—but still there are lapses and "gimme" and "lookit." And you get pretty tired of nagging and it doesn't seem to do any good—and so you tactfully put into their hands all the funny pictures of boys with puffy cheeks from talking with their mouths full and the piggy twins, a brother and sister who won't let anyone else play with their toys but just squeal "That's mine." The terrific picture of a "whiney," and the appalling "me first" who never took turns, and "touchy" who touches things wherever he goes because he is all hands and hasn't any head. If your child is a true offspring with a grain of the parental humor, lo and behold, parenthood is made easy. Who on earth would be a "me first" after seeing this book?

LITTLE ME, by Fanny Y. Cory. Duttons, $1

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THE MERRY MOUSE, by Helen and Alf Evers. Farrar & Rinehart, 75¢

A very tiny, very sweet book, polka dot borders on all the pages and a disconsolate little mouse and why he ran up and down the clock.

ADVENTURES OF LAPPY CUSHION TAIL, by Stera Bosa. Duttons, $2

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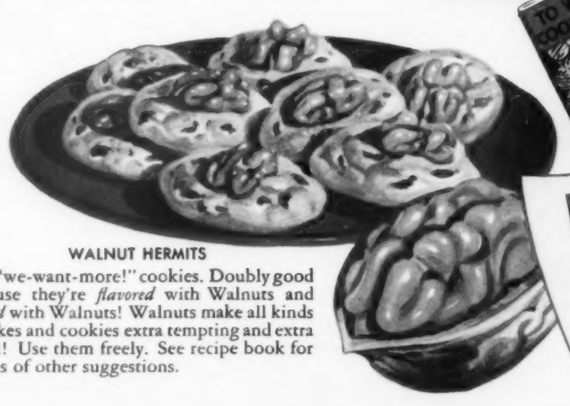
Heat sugar, water, and cinnamon candies in saucepan over low heat until candy is dissolved. Pare and core apples, place in syrup, cover and cook very slowly until tender but not broken; the apples should be bright red. Turn once during cooking. Remove carefully from syrup and chill. Fill centers with cheese, Diamond Walnut kernels and mayonnaise combined.



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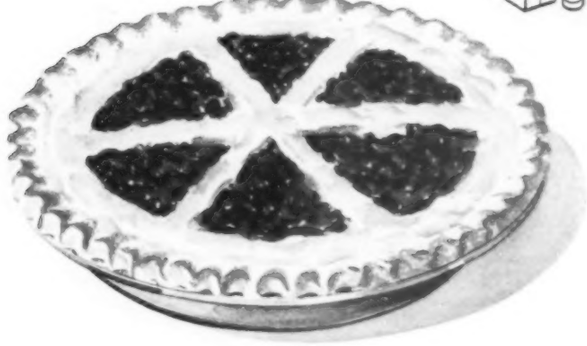

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From six to the teen age:

You have probably had this very same feeling at an art gallery, and very likely for the same reason. I am sentimental about children's books and you are sentimental about art. Well, I like my art a little weird, but not children's books. The grotesque, burlesque, horseplay, absurdities and plain foolishness—these things I love in children's books. Children are callous and cruel and frank enough to love these things too. But when a child's book reminds me of a Steig or Peter Arno drawing—well then frankly, I don't like it. Both these artists I adore—but not as illustrators for children's books. The book which I am prefacing with all these vitriolic remarks, and very likely, unsympathetic remarks, is "The Golden Basket" by Ludwig Bemelmans and published by the Viking Press. I frankly can't bear it as a children's book. It is heavy and over-sophisticated in make-up—but please do open the covers for yourself. The lady in charge of children's books for the Viking Press is usually right, and you must judge for yourself.

BLUE NETS AND RED SAILS by Helen Bradley Preston. Longmans, $1

A story of sardine fishermen of Brittany and two little boys on their first fishing trip. It is a quiet sort of book, its educational appeal unobtrusive and its illustrations by Margaret Temple Braley, both in color and black and white, carrying out this same sort of composed, quiet air. Recommended for quiet, studious children eight to ten.

PABLO'S PIPE by Frances Eliot. Duttons. $1.50

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ALBANIAN WONDER TALES by Post Wheeler. Doubleday. $2

Ten tales make up this volume, all of them Albanian folk lore. Dr. Wheeler, former American Minister to Albania, retells these ancient tales for American children and makes of them a rich and beauteous tapestry. Illustrated by Maud and Miska Petersham. A book for parents to read aloud.

THE OAK TREE HOUSE by Katharine Gibson. Longmans Green & Co. $1.50

A charming story, beautifully illustrated by Vera Bock. A book that without color or flamboyancy wins our unqualified approval.

SHIP'S PARROT by Honore Morrow and William J. Swartman. Morrow. $2

The remarkable story of a remarkable bird, told to Mrs. Morrow on many a long Devon evening by Captain Swartman. Fine story telling and appealing illustrations, by Gordon Grant, than whom few come finer.

SKINNY, the Gray Fox by Agnes Akin Atkinson. Viking Press. $1.50

The true story of a fox family with real photographs. The serious young man or girl from eight to twelve will find much in this book to pore over again and again. Recommended for those children who have just crossed over the line of "make believe." —J. A.

You are cordially invited to my 4th Birthday Party

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It will be just four years ago this January that we acquired The American Home, and took over a little family of a quarter million. In four years my family has grown to exactly one million—do you wonder I want to celebrate!

Sounds strenuous? Well, quite honestly it has been. There hasn't been much but hard work these last four years, sticking pretty close to my knitting. But I've thrived on it and mighty proud of my family, I am—and just preening myself a bit, too, because we did stick to our "knitting." There have been so many distractions outside the home these past years, haven't there?

And now I want to celebrate. In the very worst business month of the year, when advertisers (who really pay our household bills, you know) decide people spend nary a penny (I really think they believe we homemakers hibernate all winter like bears), I am going to give you extra pages. The January issue is our Fourth Anniversary Number and a million of anything is something. Imagine a million snug homes and no birthday celebration this January!

I thought and thought, trying to decide what would please you most, and decided that lovely old homes might please the greatest number of people. Homes that were fine and upright, homes that have seen joy and sorrow, welcomed many families through their doors and built up such a character that new folks, all over the country, sense their worth and have set about building up again their proud exterior faces and intimate, lovely interior charm. Lovers of old houses and fine furniture, and gardeners—I guess that pretty much includes everybody for my Birthday Party, doesn't it? And so, in my January issue, which is my Birthday Party, you will find as many as thirty-nine pages of lovely old homes. More than forty photographs that will make every antique lover's heart contract. And for the snow-bound gardener, more than thirty lovely photographs to make him thumb his seed catalogues.

Do come to the feast—it's really going to last days and days—for you can't brush through this January Birthday Number in a hurry! I'm telling you about it now, so's you will save that date and be forehanded with your home work when the postman brings it.

January is my fourth editorial birthday—and to every million one of you—thanks a million for making it a happy one!

—JEAN AUSTIN

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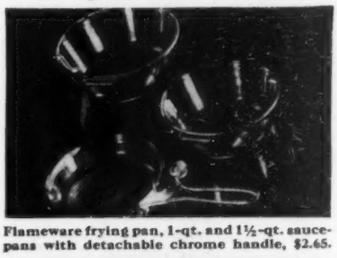

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Some unusual Christmas cards—

and how they were made

JOSEPH C. KEELEY

In the Beginning . . . .

WE ACCEPT Christmas cards as part of the festive procedure of Christmas and as if they had always been a part of the merry season. Yet they are the youngest of all Christmas customs—the first one having appeared less than a hundred years ago. In eighteen hundred and forty-six an English artist made some decorated cards for a very busy man to send to his friends—thus saving him the time that would be necessary to write an equal number of letters. This was something new and people became interested, so much so that the next year the idea was copied. This happened year after year in a mild manner until eighteen hundred and sixty-two when a lithographer—daring enough to try out a new idea which he felt was a good one—issued several cards of different types with the words "Merry Christmas" incorporated in the designs. From then on the Christmas card, as such, increased in numbers and styles by leaps and bounds until today one hardly knows what he will receive next under that heading!

—L.P.B.

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ALL the cards shown here can be duplicated, or the ideas back of them can be utilized, by readers of THE AMERICAN HOME. Just follow the general directions as given, and surprise your friends this season with a card of your own creation. We particularly recommend cards No. 3, 4, and 5 as inexpensive, simply made, and readily adaptable to your own ideas.

CARD NO. 1: This card is effective mainly because of its simplicity. Even the name of the sender does not appear, although it is hardly necessary in this case, since the young man, as you have probably recognized, is Rudy Vallee. The dimensions are 4¾ by

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7 inches, and the card is printed on stock of about the same weight as that of a standard government postal card.

In making this card, the well-known orchestra leader turned over to a printer an album of photographs taken at his lodge in Maine, telling the printer what he wished. The printer selected from the group the picture used. From this picture the printer had a half-tone made.

He then had Mr. Vallee write "Season's Greetings" in his own handwriting. This signature was copied photographically, a reverse negative was made and this was inserted in the original half-tone negative. The proper stock and ink were selected and the cards were printed.

In small quantities, the cost of such cards is high because of the initial outlay required for half-tones and any art work that may be required. The printer who handled this particular job reported that the Vallee cards at regular rates would cost a little less than seven cents each. However, Mr. Vallee used more than 2,000 of them. In smaller quantities the price would have been much greater.

However, if you have in mind a photograph that might make an unusual card, it would be well worth while to take it to your printer. Printing costs vary, and it is probable that the printer will be able to suggest ways of making up your card so the job will be an economical one. For one thing, instead of using your own handwriting, type can be used, with the result that the cost would be lessened. Certainly the printing method is worth investigating, especially if you have a large mailing list.

CARD NO. 2: This is one of the most ambitious and unusual photographic Christmas cards you will see in many Yuletides. It was made by a young man whose work appears in many publications, and the professional touch is evident in the card's fine craftsmanship. Measuring 4¼ by 5½ it is printed, photographically, on light buff paper.

However, while it is more of a job than most people can handle easily, it at least suggests a highly interesting line of possibilities that a person might like to tackle himself or turn over to someone else to do for him.

The maker of this card tells how he did it: "First I photographed my wife, sitting on a small platform covered with black velvet. Then she took my picture. Next we found two books of the right kind, which was quite a job since they had to be four times as high as they were wide, to give the composition I desired. These I set up and photographed. Next

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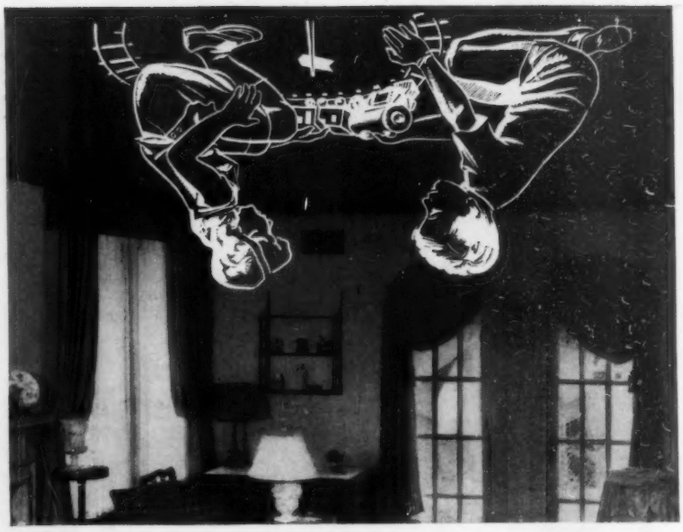

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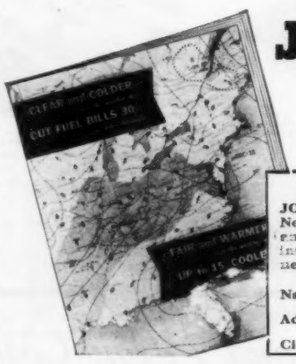

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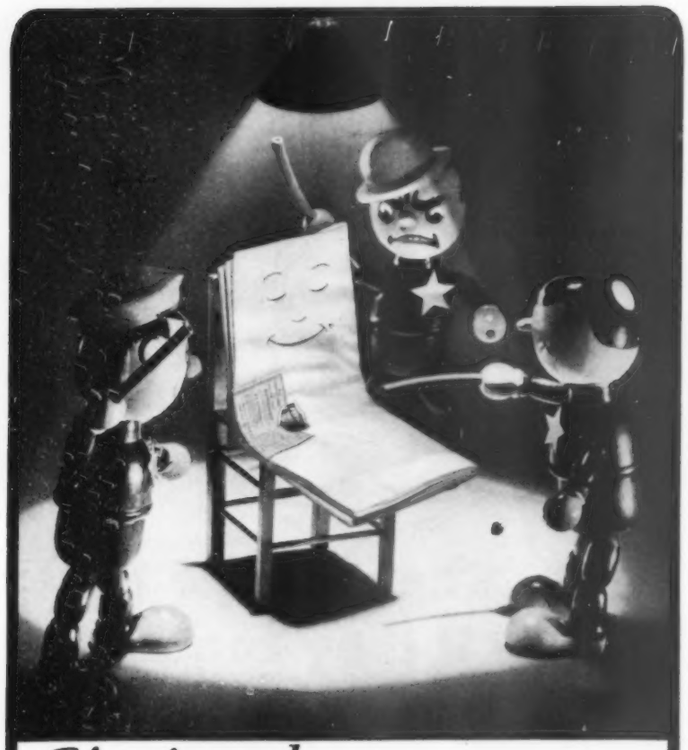

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PEQUOT *Sheets and Pillow Cases*

Benjamin West, American born, painted this "Portrait of Mrs. West and her son Raphael," now shown in the Cleveland Museum of Art

Mother and child

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conception and mellow in coloring, ivory and gold are combined by a skilful French artist.

Long ago travelers from the East brought examples of Byzantine art into Italy. Because painting was used as a means of propagating faith, the church ascribed conventions and symbols which the artists were required to use, so that when studying the pictures the laity would not be confused. It was required that the Madonna and Child pictures be painted in certain definite colors to which mystic significance was attributed. So for centuries we see the Madonna with a tunic of red, symbolic of love, and with a mantle of blue, symbolic of truth, and with white, symbolic of purity and innocence used most frequently on the Child.

To name but a few of the overwhelming number of pictures on this subject that Italian artists were inspired to do, will give us an opportunity to show the trend in our story.

The first great name in maternal art is that of the painter, Giotto. In his epoch making "Madonna and Child" he combined naturalism in living figures with symbolism in their setting. Although the figures were posed in the old Byzantine style, no longer are they mere flat patterns. The woman, robust, heroic, is drawn with such great vigor that she appears to be able to face the gigantic task before her. The Child, although a little more in the round, is still the mannikin.

In passing we pay tribute to saintly Fra Angelico for many spiritual interpretations in pastel colors; so highly idealized are they, motherhood was exalted be-

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Dear little house

MARGARET MOORE JACOBS

MY LITTLE old-fashioned Victorian cottage belonged to my grandmother. She started housekeeping in it as a bride. Then, not so long ago, another bride started housekeeping in it, for it was bequeathed to me, the eldest granddaughter.

The first thing we did was to move the house across the street to a lot with big oak trees, about fifty years old. The lot was a wedding present, also, from Daddy and Mother. A little old-fashioned frame schoolhouse used to stand on the lot and Daddy, when going to school here, had helped to plant these wonderful trees. I often think how much happiness in the years to come we could give others if we would only stop and plant trees. How we do enjoy ours the year round!

The house appears to have been here always on its present location — snuggled down so cozily with the big trees surrounding it— and it has room to "breathe"—for across the street, folks in later years had built bigger two-story houses on either side and almost smothered it.

Moving was great fun. We used Uncle's rollers and employed some Negroes to help. It really was not very expensive either, and was done so carefully it didn't injure the house one bit. Oh!—of course it cracked the wallpaper but we were going to redecorate anyway.

I wished to restore everything as nearly like Grans had it as it was possible to do. Originally it was white with old-time slatted, bottle green window blinds—but somebody in the years between removed the shutters and painted the house one of those sick looking greens, and added a screened front porch. (Maybe it did keep the mosquitoes away but I'd rather do without it and go inside when the mosquitoes bite.) We placed it as close to the ground as is safe in this damp climate, bricking it underneath. Please take note—we left the bricks natural. Why do folks paint bricks? I love that mellow look age gives them. It really seems almost sinful to me to paint them bright red.

We could hardly wait to tear the front porch away. When we did, there was the loveliest old doorway, sidelights and all, standing there. It looked just as though it had been waiting through the years since Grans left for us to lift the knocker and go in. The porch had covered it, so everyone forgot it was there! We found a pair of old carriage lamps and placed them on either side of the doorway. I wanted to use the original candle lighting but my husband, who leans more toward the modern than I, just simply wouldn't let me. So, to keep peace in the family, we had them wired for electricity. Sometimes when we drive up in the car, I just shut my eyes and pretend it's my carriage anyway! Of course the car gets there quicker—but don't you think sometimes we're getting there too quickly these days and not stopping long enough to capture some of that romance and peacefulness that existed during those carriage days?

Of course, we painted the house shining white and I found some shutters (not old ones—reproductions) made by Curtis exactly like the original ones with slats that move so that we shut them on hot summer afternoons and let the shadows from the trees peep in. We had a hard time locating bottle-green shutter stain, but we found one company who made the exact shade. Apple-green just doesn't have that old-time look.

But best of all there's the chimney and fireplace. If I could

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have but one thing to make a house a home, that one thing would be a fireplace. The house originally had two, one on either end, but you know there was a time when folks felt prosperous and had to have fancy parlor stoves to keep up with Mr. and Mrs. So and So. We found the hole all boxed up where the fireplace used to be. I wanted two but my husband said "one now—and one later." So, we decided on one on the south in the living room. Before I forget, let me tell you something interesting. When we moved the house across the street, we changed directions. We did face east and our living rooms were all on the north side. Now, we face west and the living rooms are all on the south side. We have two big trees on west front, and the east side at back for gardens.

Back to the fireplace. We built it big enough for three-foot logs. (Copied the top of chimney from AMERICAN HOME'S little model Colonial House.) Had a real old-time cabinetmaker build the mantel. He had retired but, my—how happy he was to build a real mantel as he used to, he said, "when houses were really houses."

I have some of grandmother's old-fashioned furniture, but it will take another story to tell you all about my antiques. They look so happy and contented to be back home to stay, I hope. In the years to come, when the present bride and groom have gone away, my prayer for the "Dear Little House" is that there will always be someone to love it and keep it. We haven't finished our plans for the interior yet but I don't ever wish really to finish. There's too much happiness in planning.

I'm making an old-fashioned garden, too. Somehow, the house just looked lonesome until I started my garden and "Her" garden. I have a picket fence, grandmother's favorite flowers, and some of her very own plants. I want you to come with me some pretty sunshiny day for a peek at it. I know you'll love the pinks and damask roses and peonies.

Sometimes at night when the carriage lamps are shining down the flagstone path with the little box bushes on either side, and there's a fire crackling on the hearth—the curly dog and I are waiting for the Master to come home (with something good in the little kitchen)—I know Grans must be happy.

Omission

The andirons with steeple tops, fireset, and fire screen illustrated at bottom, left, of page 37 of the November issue of THE AMERICAN HOME, come from the Wm. H. Jackson Co. The knotty pine portable Colonial fireplace shown at the top of the same page comes from Henry Miles & Sons, Inc.

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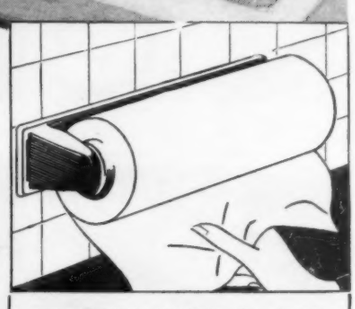

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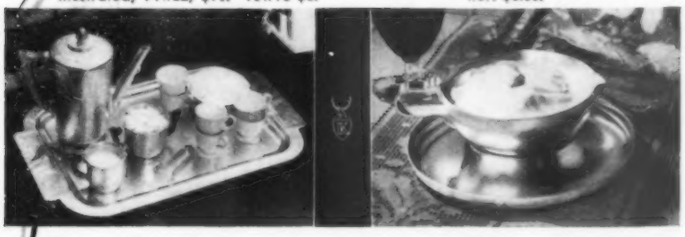

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Puppets bring Christmas cheer

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Why not fill this zero hour with the liveliest sort of fun for the whole family? Why not have a puppet play? Your stage? Surely you can find an empty wooden orange or grapefruit crate. Now comes a little home carpentering. Did Santa Claus bring Junior a tool chest? Fine.

One slatted side of the crate has naturally been removed when the fruit was taken from the crate. First, remove all nails from this open-face edge. Second, remove the next slatted side, leaving the two remaining slatted sides at right angles to each other, supported by the solid ends. Third, saw out or knock out carefully the center partition, leaving the two slatted sides at right angles to each other, firmly supported by the two solid ends (shown below).

This is the skeleton puppet stage. It is ready now for decoration. Since the outside is never visible to the audience it may be left untouched, though a later coat of paint will give the little stage a more finished and attractive appearance.

The orange crate theatre will eventually rest on two tables or tall boxes of equal height. One open face is to be the proscenium arch, facing the audience. The other open side is at the bottom, since there is no floor in a puppet theatre. The inside of the top, the back, and the ends will be visible and must be covered or decorated in some fashion.

The three-sided edge of the proscenium arch may be framed in card-board strips three inches wide, and long enough to fit each edge. Decorate with crayon, gilt paint, show-card colors, or pasted pictures, then tack the gay little frame in place to give a professional appearance to the little toy theatre.

The top slats may be wrapped in crêpe paper or any cloth you may have, in white, a neutral color, or a shade that harmonizes with the background decided upon. The inside of the solid ends may be treated likewise.

Now for the back drop, the

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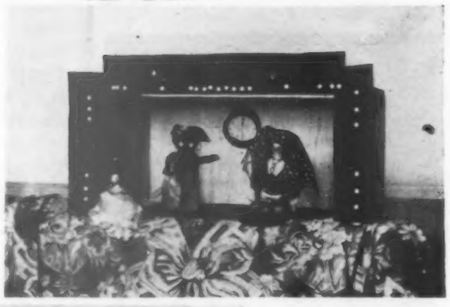
Orange crate before making it into a puppet theatre. Space between tables allows the hands of puppeteer to move freely from below, after bottom and center partition of crate have been removed



Here we see Little Girl resting against the front of the stage, while the Mammy Doll and Saleslady are manipulated by some unseen operators

The Doll and puppet cast of "The Toys That Were Not Bought." Floor has been used for convenience in making picture but is of course absent in the performance unless real marionettes are used

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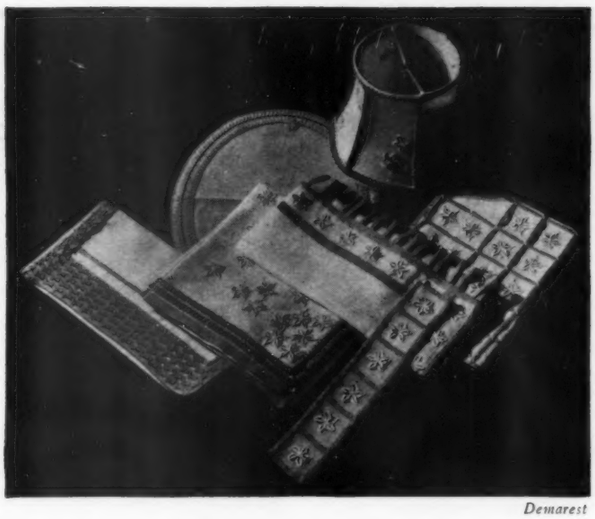

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Puppets bring Christmas cheer

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most important and interesting feature of "setting the stage." Cut a large piece of paper, cloth, or oil cloth to fit the back slatted side. Decorate this to suit any play you may decide on, by means of crayon, show-card colors, pinned on cut-outs, pasted pictures from magazines, bits of fancy Christmas wrappings. An old cotton sheet makes an acceptable back-drop when well decorated, but perhaps the most practical medium is a strip of oil cloth, gaily decorated on the canvas side.

With the theatre ready and the back-drop tacked in place, the right spot for production must be chosen. A doorway in the middle of a wall space is good. Two bridge tables, one on either side of the doorway, support the puppet theatre ideally. The audience sits in one room, looking toward the open doorway. In the other room the supporting tables are hidden from view by the walls. The space below the theatre is clear for the puppeteers.

To hide these manipulators a sheet, heavy curtain, or old quilt or coverlet may be draped over a long pole or broomstick, laid across the front edges of the two supporting tables.

If you are going in for marionettes you must add an over-head curtain to mask the operators who would stand on the tables and work from above the stage. The marionettes can be let down through the openings in the slatted top, and you must use a table top for a stage.

The basement may be the ideal place for puppetry. Drapery supports are no problem here, where there are usually convenient clothes lines. And a great advantage in basement production is that the living quarters of the house are left free from litter and professional impedimenta!

It is fun to light the puppet stage. Christmas tree lights are probably the best and most appropriate lighting. Stretch a string tightly across the base of the stage opening and loop it around a nail or small screw hook. Another string of the gay little colored lights may be pushed down through the space between the top slats for over-head illumination. Any strong bulb on a long cord will light the puppet stage, or even a good bright flash light may be propped in position as a "spot" or "flood."

A window blind, fastened inside the proscenium arch, is an ideal curtain, of course, but if the right width is hard to find, or if you feel a strange unwillingness to strip the house in the interests of art, a small pulley curtain on a taut string can be opened and closed by the able puppeteers.

To add a final touch to the finished, set-up puppet theatre, place small artificial Christmas trees on either side of the stage opening.

The making of puppets is an art in itself. Probably the simplest and quickest made types are those with stuffed stockinet heads. The features may be embroidered, crayoned, or may be made by pinching the soft stockinet in place. Fancy-headed pins or buttons are practical for eyes. An opening in the head must be made to admit the index finger of the puppeteer. A loose dress or coat-like garment may be sewn to the head and will cover the puppeteer's hand. The fingers of the operator may serve as puppet arms, with rubber bands to hold the sleeves in place at the "wrists."

If you do not care to take time to make puppets, dolls, or toy animals, especially the soft stuffed variety, make good substitutes.

The puppeteers sit on low chairs or stools on either side and below the stage. Black stockings, feet cut out, may be worn over the arms to hide them and leave the hands free.

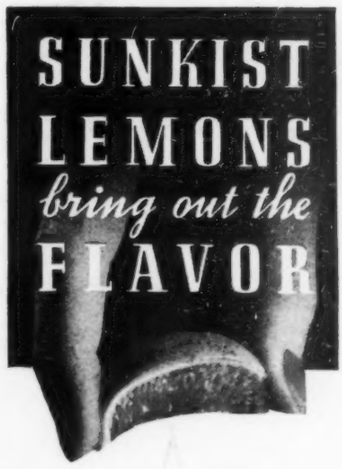
The stage should never be crowded with puppets. To avoid confusion, it is best to allow only the puppet whose lines are being read to move or gesticulate. Puppets should enter and leave the stage from the side, and on a level with the footlights, to avoid the unnatural appearance of rising from and plunging directly into the floor.

A puppet play depends on action for its interest. Properties are unimportant, though small baskets and the like can be used occasionally to advantage. A puppet play must be short. Incidents from fairy stories or familiar books are good subjects for spontaneous dramatization. Let the children make one up out of their heads or perhaps you might like to present the little Christmas play which follows . . .

"The toys That Were Not Bought"

Characters:

Mother	Mammy with
Little Girl	Baby Doll in arms
Saleswoman	Clown (with bells
Elephant	sewed to costume)
French Doll, or Little Girl Doll	



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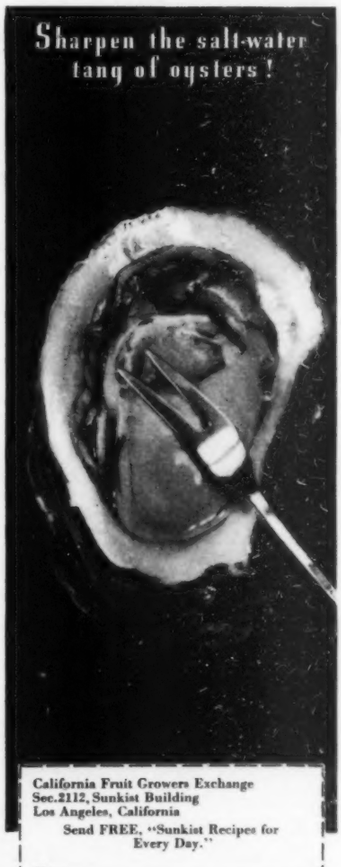

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Time: Late afternoon, the day before Christmas
Place: Interior of a Toy Store

Scene I

The back-drop discloses a large table on which have been pasted or drawn the usual Christmas toys: skates, balls, games, etc., and especially a Mammy Doll with a baby in her arms, a clown, an elephant, and a small French doll in fluffy clothes. Above the table, a clock is painted or pasted. When the curtain is drawn the Mother and Little Girl are on one side of the stage opening, the Saleswoman on the other.

. . . . . .

Mother: (pointing to clock) Goodness me, it's almost closing time! I expect we're the last of your Christmas shoppers.

Clerk: You are, Madam. These are almost all the toys we have left (indicates toys on table).

Little Girl: (crossing stage) Oh, Mother, look what I found. Oh, goody, goody! What lovely toys! I hope Santa brings me this big elephant and that sweet mammy doll and——

Mother: (shakes head violently while interrupting her) I'm afraid Santa has his pack full about this time. We just want a few last minute gifts for your little friends. (To clerk) Please send me two games of checkers, a toy pistol, that big rubber ball, and a set of doll dishes. You deliver tonight, don't you?

Clerk: (nods) Oh, yes, indeed.

Little Girl: (comes forward and jumps up and down excitedly) Oh, Mother, Mother! I can't find my muff! I must have lost it. (begins to cry) I want my muff! My little beaver muff!

Mother: (gesticulating excitedly) Where did you leave it?

Little Girl: (still crying) I don't know.

Mother: Come now, think hard. Where did you have it last?

Little Girl: (between sobs) Well—it might have been at the movies—or the soda fountain—oh, I know!—I had it at the ten cent store. I remember, when I picked out the red stocking to hang up for Santa, I put my muff on the counter to see how the stocking would look and——

Mother: Well, it's getting late—almost closing time! I'll hurry back to the ten cent store and see if I can find it. (To saleswoman) Can I leave my little girl here?

Clerk: Certainly, Madam. She can amuse herself with the toys and I'll keep an eye on her until you come back.

Little Girl: Oh, let me, Mummy, please do! I'll be good. Say yes!

Mother: All right, but mind, you stay right here and don't wander away. (She waves hand and exits. Saleswoman follows mother off stage.)

Little Girl: (goes back to look at toys again. Comes front stage. Raises hands and stretches and puts hand over mouth as she yawns.) My, but I'm tired. (She rubs her eyes and sits down, resting against the stage opening. She nods.)

Saleswoman returns. (One hand of this puppet is fastened to a small roll of three-inch gauze bandage, the other is held against the back drop by the puppeteer. As the Saleswoman is pulled across the stage, the bandage is allowed to unroll until the toys are covered, simulating the covering of a store counter at the end of the day) Well, that's that! (exits).

Little Girl: (sleepily) I wonder why mother doesn't come? I do wish she'd hurry. I want to get home and hang up my new red stocking. CURTAIN.

Scene II

Plain back-drop similar in color to *Scene I*, with larger clock face pasted or painted in center. What was the top of the table in scene one is now supposed to be the stage. When the curtain is drawn the Mammy Doll with Baby Doll fastened to her arms, the Clown, Elephant, and French Doll are heaped in the center (held by the puppeteers) and covered with a piece of white cloth.

A clock strikes six. There is a magic whistle backstage and presto! the white cloth disappears (it has a string attached). There is confusion of sound. The French Doll says, "Ma-Ma." The Clown shakes bells. The Mammy begins to hum to the Baby who cries. (Note. With so many characters on the stage at the same time, care must be exerted to limit the movement to the puppet whose lines are being read.)

Clown: (in squeaky voice) just my luck to be one of the toys that wasn't bought for Christmas.

Elephant: (nodding while he speaks) *I* wasn't bought. *I* never am bought (proudly). *I'm* too expensive!

Clown: Why don't they reduce you?

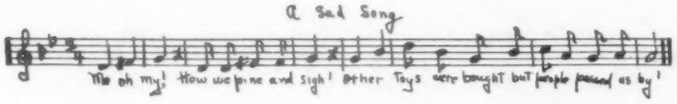
French Doll (giggling) Imagine trying to reduce an elephant!

Clown: (changing subject) This is no time for teasing. We have woes enough as it is. Think of all the children in the world tonight——

Elephant: And all the Christmas stockings filled with candy. Yum-yum!

French Doll: Chocolates!

Clown: Stick candy!



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French Doll: What I miss are the beautiful Christmas trees, and the lights, and tinsel.

(All puppets break into song. See facing page for music.)

Little Girl: (off stage) Oh you poor dear toys! I'd like to buy everyone of you. But you're up so high, I can't even reach you.

Clown: Well, that's easy enough. Here, give me your hand (hand is extended into middle of stage.)

Clown: Easy now. (Bends over hand as if pulling hard. Little Girl lands in midst of other puppets.)

Clown: There you are!

(All toys cluster around Little Girl, talking at once.) Who is she? What is she? Where'd she come from? How'd she get here?

Little Girl: (putting her hands to her ears) Be quiet all of you, and I'll try to answer your questions. You see, I was waiting in the store for my mother to come and get me.

Clown: (doubtfully) How's she going to get you? The store's locked up. It's always locked up at six o'clock!

Little Girl: (crying) Boo-Hoo! I want my mamma. I don't want to stay locked up in this old store all night.

Mammy Doll: Hush dat cryin', honey. Mammy's heah, an' Ah ain't gwine let nuffin happen to you. Yas ma'am, Mammy gwine tak care ob you 'til yo' own mammy come to git you!

Little Girl: Oh, thank you, Mammy. I feel better now. (She puts head on Mammy's shoulder while Baby Doll begins to cry. Little Girl steps back.) What's that noise?

Mammy Doll: (patting baby) Nuffin but dis heah Baby Doll. she spoilt jes lak real chilluns. (To Baby Doll) Hush dat cryin' cain't you see us got cumpany?

French Doll: (sadly) I did hope I would get to see Santa this year. I learned such a beautiful dance and I was going to surprise him with it.

Little Girl: Oh, I'd love to see it. Would you dance it for me?

French Doll: Of course. (begins to hum, when Clown interrupts.)

Clown: (holding up his hand) Just a minute. Just a minute. I'll go over to another counter and play the music box. That dance deserves a real accompaniment.

(Winding sounds are heard off stage, followed by the tinkling tones of a music box. The French Doll bows, spins around, and dances up and down the length of the stage.)

Little Girl: That's beautiful! (claps hands.)

French Doll: I'm glad you liked it. Of course, it wasn't as good as it would have been if I

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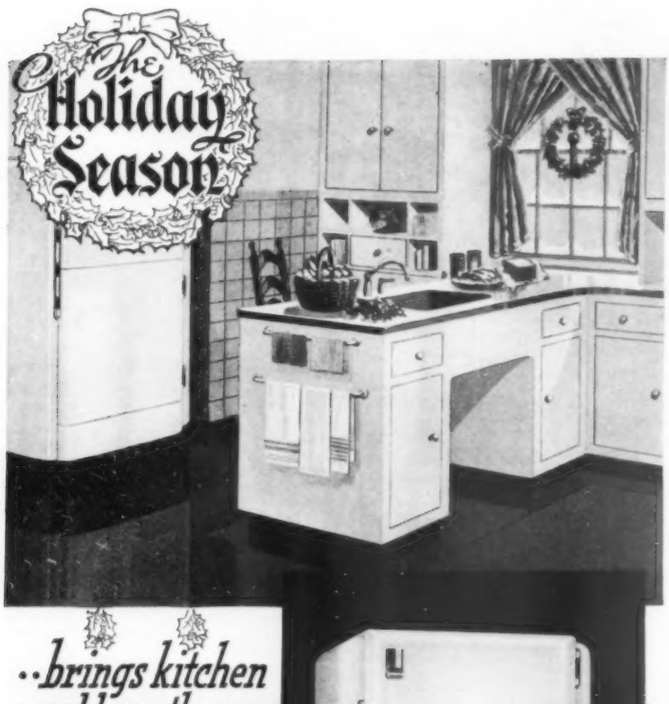

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hadn't been so crowded. (points to other puppets on stage.)

Elephant: Oh, I guess it was all right for a girl. But if you want to see some real dancing, watch me. (He hums slow music and walks awkwardly across stage jumping clumsily around and causing all the puppets to roar with laughter. There is a chance here for some slap-stick business if the puppeteers are experienced.)

Mammy Doll: Quit dat lumberin' 'round, fur Heaben sake! Whut you tryin' to do, Mek de sto' topple down? (Baby Doll begins to cry and Mammy begins to comfort it.) Hush cryin', darlin'. Mammy don' blame you frum bein' scairt wid all dat commoshun round. (She sings "Rock-A-Bye Baby" or any familiar lullaby.)

Little Girl: I know a nice song too. It's a Christmas song. (sings first verse of Jingle Bells.)

Elephant: We all know that song. We've heard it enough on the phonograph and radio this past week.

Little Girl: Good! Let's all sing it together. (They sing, bouncing up and down and keeping time with heads, hands, or feet.)

Clown: (rushes on stage just as song ends.) Someone's coming. I heard steps. Somebody's after us. Back to your places.

Little Girl: I know. It's Mummy coming to get me. (Claps hands) I knew she wouldn't forget! (to Clown) Here you, Mr. Clown! You got me up here, now please help me down.

Clown: With pleasure! (He gives her a shove. There is another shrill blast from the magic whistle back stage and the white cloth descends upon the puppets as the curtain falls.

Scene III

Same as *Scene I*. Gauze bandage covering toys has been attached to back-drop with thumb tacks. Little Girl is nodding in corner of stage just as at the close of Scene one.

Mother: Wake up, darling. (holds out hand) Did you think Mother was never coming? I would have been here long ago but I got locked out of the store.

Little Girl: How'd you get in?

Mother: I couldn't for a while but I finally found the night watchman.

Saleswoman: (enters) I hope you will pardon me, Madam. The watchman just told me about your troubles. I had so many packages to wrap I forgot to tell him to leave the door open for you. I'm so sorry!

Mother: Well, it's all right, but I wonder if it's too late to buy a few more toys. As I was waiting outside I saw four very ragged little children looking sadly at the toy display in your shop window. I'd like to make their Christmas a little happier, if I could.

Saleswoman: I'll be glad to help you.

Little Girl: Oh, please let me pick out the toys, please.

Mother: I think that would be a fine idea. What do you think the children would like? There are two boys and two girls.

Little Girl: I know, the Mammy doll with the baby in her arms and the French doll, the little girls would love those, and for the boys I'd get this clown and the funny old nodding elephant. (While she is saying this she has followed the Saleswoman back stage. Both of them turn backs to audience as if pulling the various toys from under the white cover on the table.)

(Exit Saleswoman and Little Girl.)

Little Girl returns with four small paper packages attached to a string and hung over her arm.

Little Girl. (Shaking packages up and down) You see you did get bought. *Now* you're going to have a Merry Christmas after all.

CURTAIN

Unusual Christmas cards

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I got a wreath and photographed that separately.

"From these negatives I made enlargements, taking care to enlarge the various units in the right proportion. For example, I am considerably taller than my wife, so as a 'bookend' I would have taken up more space than she did. I therefore made the enlargement of her exactly the same size as my own.

"The book pictures were then enlarged in proportion, and to get the greeting titles on the backs of the books I pasted paper over the regular titles and lettered in the greetings.

"Then I cut out the bookend figures and the books and pasted them up together, retouching in the necessary shadows. The next step, with the wreaths, was troublesome since I wanted it to come to our heads and it wouldn't. I had to cut the wreath picture into sections and paste up the sections to get the composition I had in mind. When the entire picture was pasted up I copied it, and made contact prints from the negative."

This card, then, represents a composite photograph—an idea that can be used with limitless variations. One such variation which has been used shows a little girl peeking around a doorway watching Santa Claus trimming a Christmas tree. The maker of this card bought a toy Santa and a tree about eight inches tall. He then made a room with two sides out of beaver board. One of the walls of this room had a door-

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way cut in it. He placed the Santa Claus and the tree in one corner of the room, with Santa's back to the doorway, and he then photographed the scene.

Next a picture was made showing the child peeking around a doorway in her home. The two pictures were enlarged in proportion. The child's picture was cut out of the one picture and pasted on the other enlargement so she seemed to be watching the operations of Saint Nick, and Santa appeared to be a full-grown fellow instead of a toy. This composite was photographed on a smaller negative, and the cards were made from this.

Unless you have patience, some knowledge of photography and equipment that will permit you to take pictures at very close distances, it is better to let someone else handle the actual making of such composites. However, if you have an idea, it should be a simple matter to find a commercial photographer or a capable amateur who will work it out for you without great expense. After all, once the copy negative is made, the price per print is quite small.

CARD NO. 3: This card, of the simple, folder type combines photography with regular printing. The card illustrated in the magazine was 5½ inches long by 4¼ inches wide. The cover, not shown in the illustration, bore a simple printed Christmas tree on the right side, underneath which was "Greetings 1935."

On opening, one found the picture of the child, pasted on the card itself. This measured approximately 2 by 3 inches, and was placed ½ inch from the top and side. Underneath it were names of the parents and child.

To obtain the picture of the little boy in this size, the parents had a large, studio photograph copied by a photographer. From the small copy negative, they ordered 100 contact prints with a small white border. The total cost of copying and printing the pictures was five dollars. The layout of the folder was suggested by a printer. His price for stock, printing, and envelopes to match was five dollars. The little photographs were pasted on by the parents, which effected a saving. This made the total cost of the job ten dollars, or ten cents apiece, ready to mail. And when the holidays were over those who received the cards were able to detach the youngster's picture, which was in effect a miniature studio study.

Of course it is not necessary to use a fine studio picture to employ this plan. A more informal card can be made, even more cheaply, by going through your snapshot negatives and selecting a good sharp picture. If this picture is the size you want to use, it will save the photographer's

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A further variation of the idea is possible by turning over to the printer the picture you wish to use. He will simply make a halftone from it and print the picture along with the greeting. This will be more economical if a great many cards are required, but the finished card will be somewhat less striking than if individual photographs are used.

CARD NO. 4: Highly distinctive but very inexpensive was card number four. Also, the idea employed permits a great many variations without increasing the final cost.

The card is the four-fold type, the stock measuring, unfolded, 9 inches by 11¼ inches long. This was folded first along its length and then again in the middle, resulting in a card 4½ inches by 5½ inches. The stock used was a gray-white paper, flecked with silver giving a snowy effect. The picture on the cover, approximately 2¾ by 3½ inches, depicts a sailing vessel, and this nautical theme is carried over into the "Ahoy There" greeting on the cover. Inside is: "We're making your home port with a cargo of good wishes. May Christmas cheer be yours and the New Year clear sailing."

Under this, of course, were the names of the senders.

It so happens that the sender of this card is deeply interested in sailing as a hobby. That may be a tip for hobbyists. The picture of the sailing vessel was one taken by the person who made the card. The picture he had enlarged to 5 by 7 inches. This he mounted on bristol board, approximately 9½ by 11½ inches, which kept the picture in the same proportion as the card he had in mind. Then he hand lettered the "Ahoy There" greeting. Next on another piece of bristol board of the same size he lettered in his greeting for the inside of the card.

These he then turned over to an offset printer. The offset process he decided upon since it saved the cost of a halftone plate, which would have been required had regular printing been employed. Except for the enlargement and bristol board, which together cost him less than a dollar, his 200 cards with envelopes to match cost only $13.

If you decide to have your cards done by the offset method, first make sure an offset man is near you, since not all printers do offset work. They may be found listed in telephone or business directories under such headings as "Offset," "Offset Reproductions," or "Photo Offset." If none can be located in this manner, ask your local photographer or newspaper.

A little ingenuity will give surprising results with this type card, since you can design the entire card in your own manner without being dependent upon suggestions from printers or being bound by mechanical printing restrictions. For example, a person interested in music might use a picture of himself or members of his family playing musical instruments. With this illustration, a border in the form of a musical scale might be drawn in, and the greeting might be "A Medley of Christmas Wishes." On the inside might be some such thought as "May the Harmony of the Christmas Season Be Yours Throughout the Year."

CARD NO. 5: If you have a good negative ready to use, or if you intend to take a special picture for Christmas, this type of Christmas card is a good one to consider, especially if you want a minimum of trouble. To get this type, you simply take your negative to a photo-finishing concern or your photo dealer, and you will soon get back your cards ready to send out.

This card was made entirely by photographic processes. That is, no intermediate steps of platemaking, etc., were required. The card itself is printed, photographically, on sensitized paper just as your snapshots are. The cost of such a job, per card, may run anywhere from five to twenty cents, depending upon how large a card you want, the type paper you select, and how you want to have it finished.

The two important considerations are: to select a good sharp negative, and to go to a photo-finisher who knows his business.

In selecting the picture you want to use, remember you are not limited to your snapshots as they are. Possibly you have a photograph, a part of which would make a good Christmas card illustration. For example, you may have a good group picture of your family which is spoiled by a poor background. If so, take the negative to your photo-finisher and have him enlarge just that good part of the negative to the size you wish the picture to be on your card. Explain what you have in mind, and he will probably be able to turn over to you exactly what you wish. The cost of such enlarging work will in all probability be less than a dollar.

Then have the finisher show you samples of different types of paper so you can decide the type you like best. There are many different surfaces available, from a very glossy to a rough, pebbly finish. Also, there are certain shades available.

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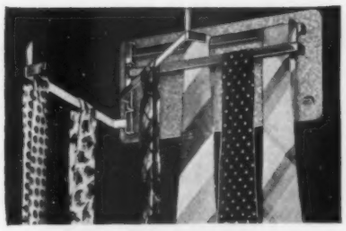

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tinction to a photographic card of this type is "plate sinking." This consists in depressing the picture itself and a small margin around it to make a frame effect. To have your cards "plate sunk" will not add much to the cost and the expense is well justified.

Purposely there was no greeting printed on the card shown. The sender wrote a personal greeting in green ink underneath the picture which added a holiday touch. However, most photo-finishers offer an assortment of greetings which are likewise printed photographically, together with your name, at little extra cost.

In the event that you have no negative available that you think will be suitable, it is an easy matter to find plenty of subjects that will be excellent for the purpose. There is your home, your family or all outdoors. If there happens to be snow on the ground, so much the better. Look for evergreens draped with snow, the snow-covered walk leading to your doorway, half-frozen brooks, or children on ice skates or sleds. The possibilities are limitless.

Indoor pictures are also easily made now, thanks to fast films, photoflash and photoflood bulbs—even though your camera is an old-timer. Group members of your family around the fireplace and make a time exposure of them, or use a photoflash bulb and get an indoor snapshot of the baby with his toys, or simply hang up a row of stockings on the mantel à la Christmas Eve and photograph them.

Mother and Child

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yond its earthly state. To another monk, Fra Filippo Lippi, who added the earthly note which makes his pictures of women and children realistically human and appealing, are we likewise indebted; and to Sandro Botticelli also. In many of his paintings he reconciles two apparent contradictory ideas, classic beauty and Christian idealization, and gives us Mother-and-Child pictures that are strictly spiritual, of infinite delicacy and of an exquisite subtle pathos with tinges of melancholy. For his well-known tondo, "The Madonna of the Magnificat," he used as a model for the mother, Lucrezia Turnabuoni, a brilliant woman, an able poet, and a patroness of art in her own right as well as the wife of the great art patron, Piero di Lorenzo de' Medici, of Florence. The children in the picture are her own, so we have in this portrait group, pictures of a remarkably distinguished Italian family in the semblance of a religious subject.

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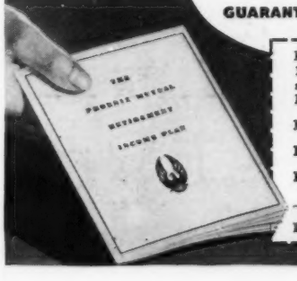

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From the same Florentine School we have the "Madonna Adoring the Child" attributed to Alessio Baldovinetti. In this picture the Child rests on the flower strewn grass. He extends His hands to His mother who is kneeling in humility at His feet. Simplicity and charm characterize this picture which is in tempera on wood as many of the Primitives are.

About the same time in the Umbrian School, Lorenzo da San Severino painted "The Madonna and Child with Saints." Into this picture four saints, Mark, Anthony, Augustine, and Sebastian, have been introduced. This picture comes in the Enthroned Madonna classification.

On the whole, Raphael's Madonnas are probably the best known and best liked. He was a skilled technician in every phase of painting, especially in oil. He combined a beautiful nature with a simplicity of genius that shows in his religious paintings to a marked degree. In the guise of the Madonna, he painted idealized versions of the young Italian women of his time.

"The Madonna del Gran' Duca" is a simple portrait picture in which the Child is very lovely, and the mother is serenely beautiful and free from all affectation.

> "Like a sheltered lake, whose mirrored surface is ruffled by no unfriendly breeze.
> Is her perfect serenity, a serenity which recalls the art of Hellas in the golden age of Praxiteles,
> A serenity that Fra Angelico despaired of finding in a world distraught."

The lovely tondo, "The Madonna of the Chair," is the favorite of many; but probably the best loved is "The Sistine Madonna." This painting falls into the group known as the Madonna in Glory, or the Madonna in the Heavens. The Madonna is conceived of as a celestial being who appears walking on the clouds of heaven, gazing with eyes, big with wonder, that just hint of anxiety and fear, for she sees at her feet a troubled world and is conscious of a foreboding of danger. In exquisite contrast is the face of the Child, the artist's supreme triumph. The wondrous eyes of the Child reveal a spiritual calm and a repose of the Divine. In this picture Raphael's technique is of high order and its conception philosophical. It is unique in the whole range of Christian art.

Another favorite is the pastoral "Madonna and the Goldfinch." With Umbrian scenery in the background, the Mother, Saint John, and the Child form an interesting group in the foreground. "The Madonna of the Rocks" by the versatile Leonardo da Vinci, "The Madonna of the Harpies" by the great draughtsman, Del Sarto, "The Holy Family" by Michaelangelo, are landmarks in our story. Bellini painted most exquisitely the philosophical mood; Titian, with brilliant color; Correggio, with dramatic light; and Giorgione with incomparable masterly composition.

Great Italian sculptors—to suggest but a few—Donatello, Michaelangelo, Mino da Fiesole, have carved different types of women: the vigorous, the heroic, the gentle; in realistic manner and with idealism; some in subjective and others in objective mood. Some sculptors executed their statues in the round, others used high or low relief as their particular means of expression.

In the field of terra cotta the famous Della Robbia family held full sway. They perfected a glazed terra cotta technique in which color was used very simply and effectively. This family created many beautiful Madonnas. One well-known one is "The Virgin Adoring the Infant Jesus" and is attributed to Giovanni Della Robbia. Characterized by charm of composition as well as of color, they depicted the fragile, ethereal type of womanhood and exquisite children. A vogue for this type was begun, and in the hands of the less gifted, a period of decadence and fussiness resulted that was to long continue.

The maternal art in the Northern countries is characterized by the spirit of Gothic simplicity in mood and a childlike interest in the details of the surroundings. Hans Memling's "Enthroned Virgin" is a beautiful example of Madonna lore and is representative of the North. It is distinguished by a "graceful sentimentality" that charms, a marvelous craftsmanship and a refinement of color. The Mother-and-Child are painted in domestic surroundings. Overhead lovely festoons of fruit and flowers have been painted with meticulous care characteristic of Flemish art. Two windows flank the seated figures and through the windows we glimpse a castle with activity about it and on the other side a mill that

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hums with industry. With naïve charm and simplicity, the painter thus suggests that the Infant came to save the rich and poor alike.

Many artists in the northern European countries, shrewdly understanding the innate decorative character of their home life, painted domestic scenes in which the woman, the child, and their work form the theme. Their interest in such scenes gives us woman in a new rôle, and by the artists' fine sense of selectivity, our attention is focused on women of different types, costumes, and settings; and upon color, form, and interesting texture contrasts. The peasant woman and her child are shown in Josef Israels' "Making Cakes." Light from a small window dramatically lights up the two characters, the fire, the pan, and the spoon. It makes us feel the simplicity and the bareness of the peasant home. Somehow, we realize from this scene, the bravery and heroism with which the humble face the realities and grayness of existence. There is something eternally sad and yet wonderfully sweet about this phase of maternal art.

Jan Toorop, a prominent and gifted Dutch painter of our century, has done a series of Madonnas against an architectural background of skyscrapers. A notable one is called "The Madonna of the Metropolis," a new and stimulating note.

"The Mother," by the German artist, Pfuhle, gives us an intimate glimpse of a mother lulling to sleep a little child. This picture, painted in 1909, shows the modern tendency, for previously the votive type of picture was in greatest favor among German painters.

America had no art indigenous to a native population. Since it was really a transplanted civilization, its art, too, was transplanted. So we have no religious art and no portrait school that are individually our own. Our American born artists were foreign trained and into our art a cosmopolitan trend has come. Our painters have made able contributions to our maternal art story. French and English influences have usually predominated.

Benjamin West, American born, lived for a long time in England where he helped to organize the Royal Academy in London, and served as its president, and before which he exhibited the "Portrait of Mrs. West and her son Raphael." This picture is now in the Cleveland Museum of Art, and we are glad to note an increasing appreciation for at least some of West's paintings. This picture is quite lovely and we can definitely see the influence of the great Raphael on this picture. It is a charming portrait of a Mother-and-Child, in the 19th century.

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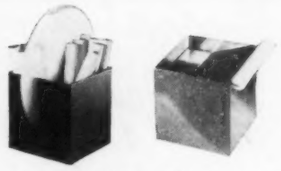

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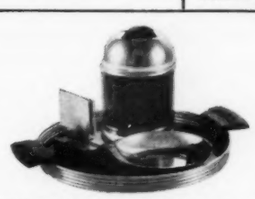

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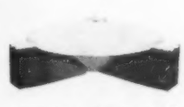

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Abbott H. Thayer has painted many pictures of a heroic type of young womanhood, and frequently with her are children. They combine the "noble ideals of Phidias with modern spirituality" and so are beautiful spirits in beautiful forms. But it is in the paintings of George de Forest Brush that we find the most satisfactory interpretation of one phase of our theme in American art. A strange and beautiful impression is given by "In the Garden," in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Although definitely not posed to represent a religious group, it still has an atmosphere of sacredness, for the artist has depicted with great skill the members of his own family in a mood that is pensive and serene. There is a feeling of peace that communicates itself to the onlooker when he studies this picture. The charm is of a delicate nature and the craftsmanship is perfect. The color harmony helps create a grave harmony in technique and spirit. In this particular field Brush stands alone.

Mary Cassatt, American by birth, and Parisian by tenure of residence, is a highlight in our story. She painted, in pastel with an individual technique, women and children, singly and in groups. Motherhood in its realities, rather than in its idealizations, appealed to her. So in her exquisite paintings we see real people as such.

On frequent visits to America she painted women and children of our country in a way to bring out their characters rather than their grace. "After the Bath" is typical of her method of portrayal. It is skilful in composition, refreshing in conception. The stubby toes and the snubby noses of children intrigue her. Her skill is such that she is often characterized as a painter's painter. Her feeling for truth and sincerity appeal to those who like that in their art. Children, especially, do, for her paintings are very popular with them.

In ceramics, at the present time, there is an awakened interest in maternal art, both in realistic and idealistic veins. Representative of this group are the little statuettes, the inspiration of the designer, Berzsi, now working in New York. And in Cleveland, the "Madonna and Child," by C. Guy Cowan, is an astonishingly beautiful conception in ceramic sculpture.

In the Orient, Utamaro of Japan delighted in painting women and children with a long, graceful sweep of line, that is beautifully decorative; and in China, we have a well-known contemporary artist painting religious themes. He is Luke Ch'en. In the "Madonna of the Clouds," executed on silk, we see that many of his works are characterized by a "rare sense of poetry," a modesty, and an elegance that is difficult to define. He follows the Chinese tradition by endeavoring to represent in his paintings the "life of the spirit by means of the rhythm of things."

Representative of the Moderns of Post Impression is the "Tahitian Woman and Children" by Paul Gaugin. Although of French training in art, Gaugin spent many years in Tahiti and during this period painted many pictures of that island. Brilliant and colorful as the South Seas are his pictures. In a painting entitled, "I Greet You, Maria," he gives a version of the Madonna and Child tradition in a Tahitian-setting and portrayed by Tahitians. Renoir, Cezanne, and other great moderns have painted this subject and have added to it a spirit of individuality that is felt in Windelschmidt's "Madonna and the Roses," for he combined in this picture much of the technique that is peculiarly Modern, with a spirit that was often shown in the Russian Ikon.

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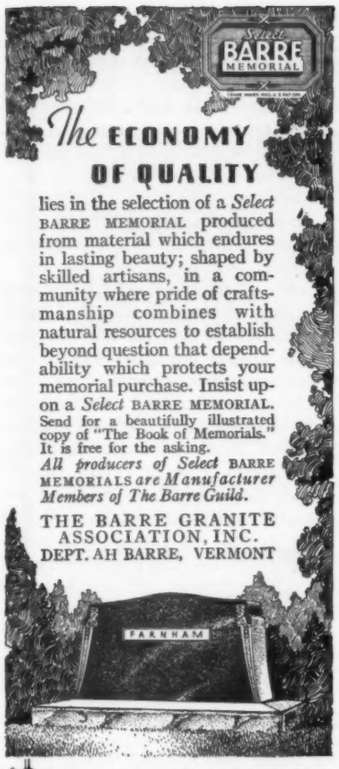
well-appointed home. Unlike a half-filled room, a china cabinet with but a bare minimum is never empty. Quality and character count far above quantity. I have a single Bavarian Schumann cake plate with a border of scalloped fretwork, decorated in bright gold and rose, which alone has given sparkle to many a party table.

There is no room here for a technical discussion, but a few paragraphs on the more evident phases would not be amiss. There are five factors to be considered in judging a piece: its body or the "biscuit," the glaze, the mark by which old pieces can be dated, the kind of decoration, and the character of the colors.

Most porcelain today is "hard" and the hardness can be easily discerned. Old pieces, however, made prior to the 1740's and the introduction of kaolin, will be soft or porous and brittle, unless they are genuinely Chinese. The Chinese, by the way, made hard china for 800 years before the secret was discovered in Europe. Today, china contains bone ash, ironstone (sometimes known by these names to the trade), and feldspar (introduced by Spode). Round pieces are still turned out by hand on the potter's wheel. Fluted patterns, Charlottes, scalloped edges are made individually by mould, and decorations are also done by hand. Some of the most famous artists of bygone days have put their hands to this fascinating trade. Today, flowers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Just one more word about American china. For the collector, there is old Staffordshire, made before and after Revolutionary days in England for the American trade. Almost always its designs were American scenes, or portraits of public men in dark blue against backgrounds of sea shells and scrolls or wreaths. The Hudson River portfolio is a famous set of this era.

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We took our Christmas Eve to the barn

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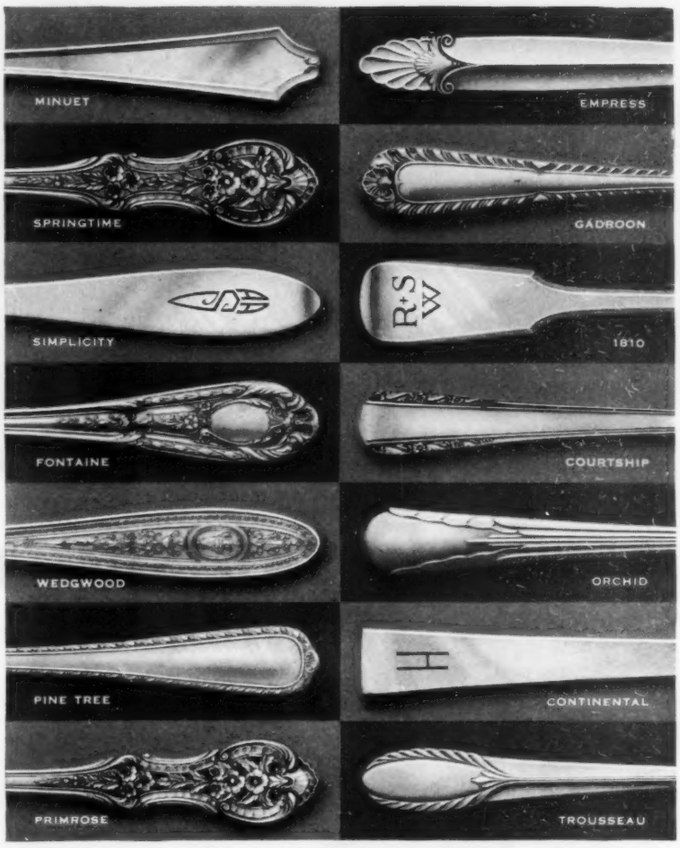

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When we sent our Christmas cards and included with them an invitation to come and sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve, a good many privately wondered just what we were up to, but came to find out.

Among our guests we were most fortunate in having several very fine musicians, who are most generous with their talents, and also a number of excellent voices. It took only a very brief time to have everyone enter into the spirit of the evening. Those of us who like to sing, but need help to carry us along, found we could join in.

It was interesting to watch the groups, some gathered around the piano, others sitting here and there around the room, all equally enjoying the music and singing. The youths home from college and the grandmothers were just as much a part of the group as the young minister from the village. All entered into the spirit of the occasion with real zest.

The favorites were sung over and over again. It was after eleven o'clock before the last "Noel" was sung and the last good night said to our guests. Even the most skeptical about the Christmas carols agreed it had proved a really enchanting idea and all had enjoyed their share in the singing. Everyone seemed to agree that the stress and excitement of the day was forgotten and left feeling that a spirit of restfulness and ease prevailed.

As we snuffed the candles and closed the barn for the night, we returned to the house humming "Noel, Noel."

We then filled our red crêpe paper stockings with the small treasures we had for one another, and placed our gifts before the fireplace in readiness for our Christmas morning greetings to our family circle. We all agreed it had been the most delightful Christmas Eve we could recall, and then and there resolved we would henceforth plan to invite our friends to gather with us in the barn on Christmas Eve to sing the lovely old carols.

Give music this Christmas

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great effort to interest children in musical training of some sort. Modern teaching methods are so advanced beyond the labored instruction of the past that study becomes entertainment, and children respond enthusiastically to training. Piano companies and teachers are working together to provide the most intelligent course of instruction for the student, and results are effective and astonishing. Radio, by the example of fine artists and the use of fine instruments, lends encouragement.

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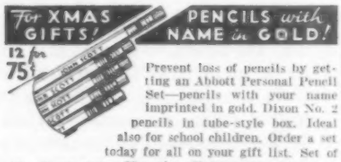

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In the beginning . . . . .

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wound with greens, dragged to the great hall at the head of a procession of singing merrymakers, and there greeted with happy shouts. For the Yule log was then—as it always has been—an emblem of good cheer. Then, one by one, the jolly group would sit upon the garlanded log, sing or hum a snatch of a carol, and salute the log with a casual kiss! This last act was supposed to be an assurance of good luck until the next Christmas. The huge log was then dragged to the hearth while the company crowded about, eagerly watching as the log was "touched off." The faces lighted up by the blazing log—the only light in the room at the time—were often anxious at this point, since if the Yule log fire went out, it was a sign of bad luck. However, this very rarely happened. The Yule log ceremony is still an integral part of an English Christmas just as it is rapidly becoming so in this country.

And so today we moderns enjoy the Christmas season to the utmost, carrying on the many traditions which our fathers and grandfathers did before us, but doing it all a bit casually or at least with little thought concerning the origins of the various customs, many of which are centuries old. Isn't it well to pause just a bit, to search out the reason for a few of the delightful customs which we have heretofore accepted, or taken for granted? I think it is, particularly when we realize that many a struggle may be behind some of the pleasures which we accept so easily, and plan to pass on just as indifferently to our children. Tell them the origin of all these things they look forward to at Christmas time—surely it will add pleasure as well as real significance to Christmas for them.

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Begonias for the sunroom

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Protection from bright sunshine should be provided but good light is necessary for satisfactory growth, and so from mid-October until mid-February no artificial shading is necessary. During the remainder of the year the plants should not be exposed to the direct rays of the sun except possibly in the early morning or late afternoon hours.

The question of watering is one on which the beginner always seeks information, and while, because of diverse environmental conditions and varying climatic factors, it is not possible to lay down definite rules as to the frequency with which this should be done, it is important to emphasize the fact that Begonias in general appreciate a rather moist, but thoroughly well-drained rooting medium, and for this reason the soil should at no time be allowed to get dry. When watering, give sufficient water to saturate thoroughly the whole mass of soil; dribbles, which merely moisten the surface an inch or so, do more harm than good. To avoid shock to the root system and a check to growth, the water used should be at about the same temperature as the room in which the plants are growing. During bright weather, spraying the foliage with a light mist of clear water in the forenoon will be found a particularly beneficial practice.

Soil for fibrous-rooted Begonias should be "light." Loam, leafmold, and coarse sand in equal proportions make a suitable mixture, and to this add about one-sixth part dried cow-manure and a rather liberal amount of charcoal broken to pea-size. Press the soil firmly about the roots but do not pack hard. To take care of the drainage, an inch or so of broken crocks or coarse cinders, placed over the drainage hole in the pot and covered with a few rough leaves, suffices. When potting, take care that the surface of the soil is level and sufficiently below the rim of the pot to permit of adequate watering. The best time to repot old, established specimens is during April or May, but young plants which have filled their receptacles with healthy roots may be given a move on at any time other than mid-winter, using pots one size larger than those the plants previously occupied.

Except in the case of the rhizomatous species and varieties which are comparatively slow growing, young plants are to be preferred to old specimens and no advantage is to be gained from retaining plants more than two years old. Many people were surprised to learn that but few of the plants which comprised the Garden Club of America exhibit were more than twelve months old.

Cuttings of the young growths taken in spring or early fall provide a ready means of increase. Set to about two-thirds their length in well-packed sand and kept moist and shaded and covered with a bell-jar or wardian case, these cuttings will soon emit roots. Prepare each slip by cutting across the stem just below a node with a sharp knife or razor blade, at the same time removing a lower leaf or two. The length of the cutting will vary with the variety, but the cut will usually be made below the third or fourth joint. Certain kinds, as for instance, Begonias rex and phyllomaniaca lend themselves to propagation by means of leaf-cuttings. Take mature leaves and slit them transversely across the junctions of the main veins on the under side of the leaf. Then place the leaves flat on moist sand and handle exactly as ordinary stem cuttings. In three or four weeks young plantlets will arise from each incision, and these must be potted up into small pots containing a very sandy soil as soon as they have formed a good root system, later to be transferred to larger pots and the usual potting mixture used.

The most serious insect pest of Begonias is mite, a microscopical creature which causes the leaves, particularly the younger ones, to become puckered and causes them to assume a peculiar brittle character which is quite unmistakable to anyone familiar with the ravages of this pest. Frequent dustings with powdered sulphur, or spraying with a good nicotine insecticide at weekly intervals are the controls. Aphis, also, sometimes makes itself at home on Begonia plants but is readily exterminated by spraying with any good contact insecticide.

Of the large number of species and varieties available the following can be especially recommended:

Begonias for your selection

Begonia argenteo-guttata, a hybrid between B. albo-picta and B. olbia of much-branched habit and with the leaves heavily blotched with silvery markings. Of easy culture.

Begonia feasti another hybrid, this time having B. manicata and B. hydrocotylifolia as the parents. One of the rhizomatous group and very lovely when in bloom. Flowers clear pink.

Begonia bunchi, a variety of B. feasti with leaf-margins crested and frilled.

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Begonia lucerna, one of the finest Begonias in cultivation. Of hybrid origin, this species has foliage heavily spotted with white, and immense pendulous clusters of bright pink flowers.

Begonia maculata, also known as B. argyrostigma is a variable species several forms of which are in cultivation. They are usually characterized by having large, roundish silvery spots scattered over the upper surface of the leaf. Flowers white or pink.

Begonia manicata and its variety aureo-maculata are two magnificent kinds for spring flowering. They have thick fleshy stems and large, long-stalked leaves which in the case of the variety are blotched with yellow. Flowers pink and borne in profuse panicles well above the leaves.

Begonia sanguinea is chiefly attractive by reason of its smooth shiny leaves which are bright red on the under surface. The rather small white flowers appear in spring or early summer.

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from the fire and pour off any superfluous water, leaving only about one cupful of water, or less, in the pot. Break up the dough with a long, two-pronged fork. When the whole is crumbling and done, a few spoonfuls of hot fat are poured over it. Time for cooking this peasant dish is about half an hour. It is eaten with hot milk, gravy, or bouillon. This recipe serves four to six persons.

You can see that these recipes of "Mehlspeisen" are easy ones to prepare while everyone is sitting around the fire talking or playing games. They practically cook themselves.

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6 eggs
2 teaspoonfuls milk
2 teaspoonfuls confectioner's sugar
1 teaspoonful cream
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¼ cupful of raisins
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Greisschmarrn

1 cupful of cream or milk
1 good lump of butter
¾ teaspoonful salt
¾ cupful oatmeal

In a glazed pan bring to a boil one cupful of cream, or milk, and butter. Stir in one cupful of oatmeal, add the salt, and after having let it come to the boil, allow the pot to stand for awhile at the edge of the hearth, with a lid on. After about forty minutes, when the gruel has absorbed the humidity, having stirred it from time to time, put it again on the fire and mix with a fork until small lumps have formed. Eat hot, with stewed fruit or jam.

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2 tablespoonfuls butter
2 egg yolks
6 tablespoonfuls confectioner's sugar
2 egg whites
1 tablespoonful butter
2 tablespoonfuls milk

Whip up the first amount of butter, the egg yolks, and the sugar until creamy and light. Then add the two stiffly beaten whites. The other amount of butter and milk is put into an omelet pan, the omelet mixture added, and the pan covered with a lid. This is baked in the oven for three to four minutes. Then it is separated into pieces and served at once. This is the finest dish you might be served in the mountains —an aristocrat among the "Mehlspeisen." (If evaporated or condensed milk is used, take less sugar.)

Huhn im topf—mit nudeln

1 hen suitable for steaming
1 package of egg noodles
1 cupful of hot water
1 can yellow asparagus
2 pounds of fresh peas
5 tender young carrots
Salt and pepper
½ teaspoonful nutmeg

Put the hen, cleaned and singed, on the rack of a pressure cooker (or into a large pot, in which case you will use more water). In the pressure cooker water is directly underneath the fowl. Steam slowly for one hour. Add peas and carrots to water and hen's juices. Also put the noodles in. Season everything. Steam for twenty minutes longer.

Remove from pressure cooker and take pieces of meat from the hen, enough to serve in casseroles five or six persons. These earthenware pots are dinner size, and have covers. First butter them. Then fill half way with noodles, in the juices they were cooked in. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Put peas and carrots on top of the noodles, slices of chicken next, and last of all the asparagus stalks, arranged in a pretty pattern on top. Dot with butter. Bake in the oven for ten to fifteen minutes and serve in the bake dishes. No supper more inviting after a brisk walk in the snow.

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"A Jumping Pig!"

"Not at all." Immediately the person who guessed wrong must jump up and face us all. His guesswork really begins in earnest now. What the starter always holds in his hand (mentally, of course) is something very silly and personal, like "Rosita's comb that she lost this morning," or "Johann's toothbrush that he left behind at Ober-Gurgl."

When the guesser finally hits upon the right answer, the starter announces, "Now you may get out of this by doing a tap dance. Or, you may play the guitar; or sing three songs——" whatever may be his special talent. If no musical or elocutionary accomplishments are his, then he will be called upon to produce a charade with the help of others, or do a card trick. Perhaps he will tell a real story, or relate three short, funny ones. When he is "out," it is his turn to hold the coin. And whoever holds it at the exact moment of supper's announcement may keep it forever.

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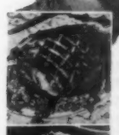

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Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; add beaten egg yolks and milk. Add chicken, onion, grated carrot and melted fat; mix well. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in greased baking dish in hot oven at 425° F. about 25 minutes. Serve with hot chicken gravy. Serves 6.

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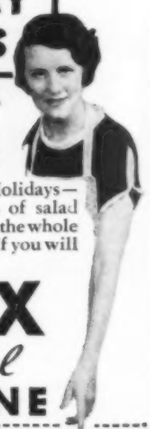

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28. A combination chair-side table and magazine rack, in mahogany or walnut, is $10. Made by Imperial Furniture Co.

29. Gift stationery from The Writing Desk of Eaton, comes in a white kid finish box or in black lacquer with Persian prints.

30. Artificial gourds on a big flat platter make a charming centerpiece. Created Ideas, Inc.

Gifts for the men folk (page 40 and page 41)

31. Wooden plates with prize-fighting scenes, for the informal buffet supper, from Mitteldorfer Straus, and a water bottle with a glass to form the stopper, from Paul A. Straub & Co.

32. and 33. The "Dialite" combines a rest for the telephone and a light to show you if you are dialing correctly. In chrome with lamp section in green, black, red or ivory, it is $3.50. H. A. Bame.

34. If the dachshunde is a favorite in your household, you will want an iron dachshunde foot scraper, $3. Bell Garden Industries.

35. What could be more useful than Webster's New International Dictionary with 600,000 entries published by G. & C. Merriam Co. About $20.

36. A fine lithograph by Adolf Dehn, Morning on the Lake, is beautiful in itself and will recall vacation days. Published by the American Artists Group.

37. A four-room wren house, perfectly ventilated, which is equipped with hanger, $3.50. Also tree homes for tree swallows, flycatchers, robins and bluebirds, from $3 to $14 each. Joseph H. Dodson.

38. Glass tiles, monogrammed to order, are indispensable to protect your table from heat, moisture, scratching. Daniel Low & Company.

39. For a charming spot in the garden is a bird bath in a scalloped design, on a low pedestal, $5. Galloway Terra Cotta Company.

40. Kensington ware makes a handsome cigarette box, and accommodates a generous supply.

41. Modern to the last degree is a clock any man should be proud to use on his desk at home or in his office. Herman Miller Co.

42. A generous waste basket in maple, modeled after a Vermont sap bucket, is 13½" high x 13½" diameter at the bottom. W. F. Whitney Co.

43. A shower curtain called "Davy Jones" has amazing and amusing fish, about $8. I. B. Kleinert Rubber Company.

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48. For taking personal movies in color or black and white, the Filmo 8 camera is excellent. It measures 1¾ x 3 x 5 inches, and weighs only 24 ounces. About $80. Bell & Howell Company.

49. A tan leather traveling case holds 16 ties and has special accommodations for studs, collar buttons and cuff links. Abercombie & Fitch Co.

50. A simple clasp attached to a vertical surface, like the inside of a closet door, will clutch the brim of a hat and hold it firmly in place. The Stanley Works.

51. Another hat holder attached to the edge of a shelf. Stanley Works.

52. Flexscreens are among the newest fire screens. They are really a wire mesh curtain which can be adjusted at will. Bennett Fireplace Corporation, $7 to $20, according to size.

53. Swinging tie rack of polished nickel, packed in a gift box, $2.50. Knape & Vogt Mfg. Co.

—for the men folk (page 42)

54. Heavy pottery book ends in a design men will like. R. H. Macy & Co.

55. A hat brush and a clothes brush with fine Kensington ware backs. Kensington, Inc.

56. Maple reproduction of a cobbler's bench, convenient for cigarettes, coffee, etc. W. F. Whitney, Inc.

57. Remington's noiseless portable is a grand gift for a man.

58. A fine Eastman movie Kodak makes a de luxe gift, and will record all the happy events of a life time.

59. A new ash tray, called "Saturn," practical in every way, also has exceedingly good looks added to its merits. Revere Copper & Brass Co.

60. To stand beside *his* chair is the stratosphere smoker's stand which can be closed when not in use. Chase Brass & Copper Co.

61. A clever Westclox desk clock takes the form of a revolving globe. It is done in blue with a crescent moon hour hand and a star minute hand. Western Clock Co.

62. "Constellation" Lamp, for bedside table or general reading. The light can be focused at any point by changing the angle of the shade. Chase Brass & Copper Co.

63. A Westinghouse electric grill comes with tray to match, and is perfect for the table cooking that is so convenient.

64. Nothing could be nicer for the garden enthusiast than some of the new tools. Shown are the Culti-claw, and a turf edger, selected from the familiar Gardex garden tools, and a Handy Hoze Molder, which supports the garden hose at the nozzle and turns it into a sprinkler. It is only 25¢ and is made by the Hozon Co.

Gifts for "Sis" (page 43)

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66. Donkeys carved out of wood make amusing book-ends. Southern Highlanders, Inc.
67. A royal Worcester lamp with silk shade will encourage studies in the evening. Bloomingdale's.
68. For the little girl's maple bedroom, nothing could be more charming than a glass lamp with pleated shade. The Fostoria glass base is mounted and sold by Quoizel, Inc.
69. "Sis" would certainly be pleased with a little powder table in curly maple. $17. Manistee Manufacturing Co.
70. Sterling silver hand mirror, called "Adoration" which with matching comb and brush costs about $30. International Silver Co.
71. A folding stand with its own tray in maple has a million uses. Southern Highlanders, Inc.
72. All put up in a gift box is an electric warming pad for frosty nights. A Westinghouse product.

—for "Sis" (page 44)

73. Brightly painted pulls for lamps or window shades are also handy as book marks. Karavan, Inc.
74. Her very own bed linen will please "Sis" beyond all else. Pequot sheets come attractively boxed and wrapped, with one sheet and two pillow cases with colored hem, about $3.25 or two pillow cases, about $1.25.
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76. Holmes & Edwards Inlaid plated silver in the Guest of Honor pattern, is beautifully packed for Christmas giving in a red and gold box, the lining in red duvetyn and white satin.
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80. The popular Gadroon pattern in sterling is a famous stand-by in platters, entree dishes, vegetable dishes, and the service plate, and gravy boat and tray shown. The Watson Co.
81. Sterling candle holders and hurricane globes are beautiful for the table or for mantel and console. Towle Mfg. Co.

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1 quart kumquats
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½ cupful seedless white grapes

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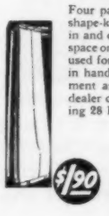

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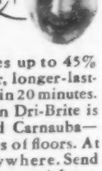

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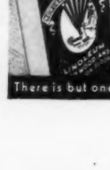

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½ pound butter
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2 egg yolks
2 cupfuls flour
1 teaspoonful vanilla
1 teaspoonful salt

Cream butter and sugar and mix in other ingredients. Drop from a teaspoon onto a buttered cookie sheet. Make a small dent and fill half of them with apricot jam and garnish the balance with a piece of candied cherry. Bake in a 400° oven until brown.

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Mince meat

5 pounds of lean beef—chopped
1 pound suet—chopped
6 pounds apples—chopped
3 pounds raisins
2 pounds currants
3 pounds brown sugar
1 teaspoonful salt
1 pound sliced citron
3 ounces candied lemon peel
1 lemon—juice and grated rind
1 orange—juice and grated rind
1 tablespoonful each, cloves, allspice, cinnamon
1 teaspoonful nutmeg
½ gallon sweet cider

Boil cider and sugar to syrup. Add other ingredients and cook slowly for 2 hours. Seal tightly in Mason jars.

Date lebkucken

1 pound brown sugar
1 pound dates
3 eggs
½ pound walnut meats
2 cupfuls flour
½ cupful cold coffee
1 tablespoonful cocoa
½ teaspoonful cloves
¼ teaspoonful allspice
1 teaspoonful cinnamon
1½ teaspoonful baking powder
½ teaspoonful salt

Grind nuts and dates in food chopper. Sift dry ingredients together. Cream sugar and eggs and add other ingredients. Bake in an oblong pan in a 375° oven until brown and firm. Cool and frost with coffee butter icing, made by mixing together 1 cupful confectioner's sugar, a tablespoonful of butter, and coffee to make thin enough to spread. Sprinkle with chocolate shot and cut in squares.

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Illustrations on page 54

In the group at the top of the page, left to right:

"Protections" made of oiled silk, to cover left-over food kept in the refrigerator. Blossom Manufacturing Co. Two large bowls for mixing or salads, one of English pottery, and one of wood, from Macy's. Under them, three patterns in Royledge paper shelving, a floral, a dog pattern, and the popular checked border. The handy little chopper for nutmeats comes in various kitchen colors, from the Metwood Manufacturing Co. 50c. Sea shells are perfect for serving sea foods, such as shrimps, crab meat, and the like. From Macy's.

Center of page:

To assure successful candy making, use a thermometer like the one illustrated, which is also excellent for deep fats. Model 1100 from Rochester Manufacturing Co. At the right, a "Poppy Trail" pottery jug with wooden handle can be used for coffee, hot chocolate, maple syrup, and the like. Metlox Manufacturing Co. Below, an automatic electric egg cooker with ivory base and chrome top, which will boil, poach, or scramble eggs in live steam. It starts instantly, and shuts off automatically when the eggs are cooked. $1.95. Hankscraft Company.

Lower left-hand corner:

Speedmaster electric tea kettle, only $7.50. It boils two pints of water in less than six minutes; has a 5-pint capacity, and whistles when the water is hot. West Bend Aluminum Co. Center bottom: A cake cover and salver set is almost indispensable for the kitchen, and a decorative adjunct when it has a "garden girl" design like the one in the illustration. It costs but $1.95, and other kitchen accessories like canisters, scrap baskets, and the like, are available in the same pattern. National Enameling and Stamping Co. At the right-hand lower corner is a group of kitchen essentials. The "Wear-Ever" cookie sheet, on which some of the items are resting, bakes evenly, browns beautifully, and is easy to keep clean. The flat "Handi-Pac" waxed paper is one of

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and gently stroke the cat's fur with it, Peggy will at once be intrigued, particularly when the treatment calls forth the contented purr which such petting will inevitably do.

Dogs give children a sense of security and safety, which is not strange since adults have the same feeling. How often we see a baby peacefully sleeping in her carriage on the terrace of her home, with the faithful family dog asleep beside it. The mother can be busy at her work inside the home with no fear of anything harming her child, and as that same child grows older and plays in sand pile and playground or goes on errands to the neighborhood grocery, all is well from the point of view of both parent and child if the canine pal is along—which he always will be!

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There is a soliloquy concerning boys and dogs which I read some time ago and which has stayed with me, probably because I agree so thoroughly with the writer. I do not know the author but the text reads:

"When I see a boy who hasn't a dog
Or a dog who hasn't a boy,
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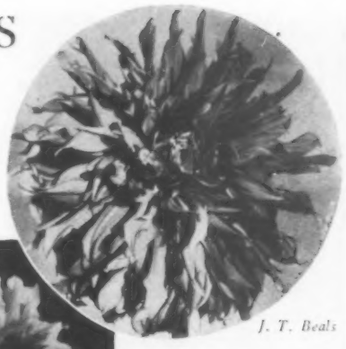

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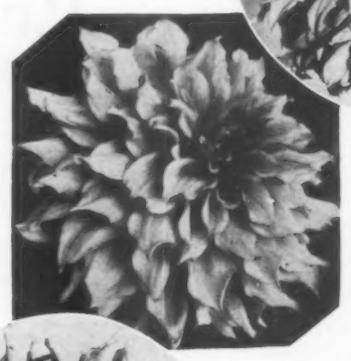

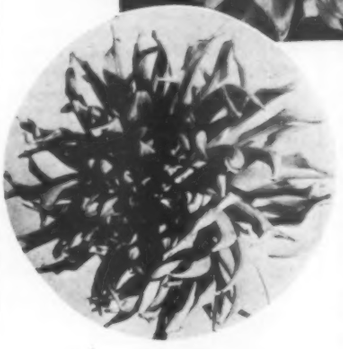

Novelty Dahlias winning The American Home Achievement Medals. In the East: at New York, Philadelphia, etc., Jimmy Foxx, Informal Decorative, immense flower on a very sturdy stalk; deep copper red with shadings of henna on a golden base. West Coast: at Tacoma, Washington, Dream Girl, Informal Decorative, salmon-rose with blend of pale gold and golden tipped. Middle West: Miss Ohio, Incurved Cactus, light mallow-purple, gradually shading lighter to tips

INTEREST in novelty Dahlias at the American Dahlia Society shows, the various regional societies, and the outstanding local events, centers around The American Home Achievement Medal. The battle for first place among new seedlings in all the important exhibitions of the Dahlia season, has been concentrated in the contest for this award. The season, 1936, was a curious one in some ways—flowers came late and some of the earlier shows did not offer the opportunity for the novelty displays that were normally expected. Indeed, the climax in the novelty seedling class was developed at the very last show of the season, at Washington, D. C., and here the winner, in a hotly contested class, was Mother Maytrott (Berwick-Dahliadel) Informal Decorative, white, very full petalage and evidently a durable flower.

There were, curiously, other meritorious white novelties seen this season, all very promising but not all for present introduction.

Another outstanding white is America's Purity (Berwick) Semi-cactus, glistening white with petals tightly quilled at the tips. The fullness of the flower is helped by the many petaloids.

Yet another white of great promise but withheld from immediate introduction is Straight's White (tentative name) much like Mother Maytrott but fewer petals which give the flower a rather more star-like appearance.

And keep your eye on a white seedling as exhibited by Mr. Tooker (Chemar). It has substance, which is something for a white. Another Informal Decorative, it gives a good account of itself in the trial gardens.

There was also a white Collarette—all white and quite a large sized flower—5 inches in diameter—that Dr. Preas exhibited, with the name of Preakness. This is a really worthwhile addition to a class that lacks members of distinction, and I might even say "pleasing appearance."

The coveted award at New York (American Dahlia Society Show) was carried off by the Informal Decorative Jimmy Foxx (Johnson) an immense, shaggy flower on an even comparatively more immense sturdy stem. Its chief appeal was in its distinctly new color note which has been analyzed as copper-red with shades of henna; full, heavily over-laid on a ground-work of gold that is practically obscured. This also was easily triumphant in the Pennsylvania Show at Philadelphia; and others where exhibited.

On the Pacific Coast, an outstanding winner is Dream Girl (Lee) which carried off the honors at Tacoma in a keen contest. I saw this, also, at the official trial grounds where it was noted as a good producer; large flower, salmon-rose shading to plain gold at the base, the tips slightly golden, too. It won The American Home Achievement Medal at the Washington State Dahlia Show.

In the Middle West, Miss Ohio (Frank) was a winner at Cleve-

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land. It is a fairly good sized, true Incurved-cactus, light mallow-purple (by the Ridgeway Chart) blending into white at the base. A clean, attractive flower—7 inches in diameter.

Another Mid-West flower of which I hear good reports is Grace Moore (Cordes) Informal Decorative, lavender. It was not exhibited at Detroit but won the admiration of those to whom it was privately displayed.

As a whole, the seedling class at the various shows this season did not produce the variety of interesting novelties that we have seen in some other years. The few that did win out, however, are really distinct and worth looking at. The seedling competitions, of necessity, do not always give the best opportunity to the best varieties, however, and as the season progressed, some things that looked just merely passable in the earlier shows became much more attractive—for instance, the Semi-cactus Betty Lindgren. (Preas) a really beautiful flower. As seen at New York, it was small, to medium, but later blooms that I have seen step it up into the exhibition size. There is a small area of yellow in the center but the rest of the ample and fairly fully folded rays are peach color.

Outstanding in the Formal Decorative Class is Wm. J. Wyllie (Greenough-Ruschmohr) and a very welcome addition it is; an amazing well-formed, sturdy flower, yellow tending to a lovely amber.

Seen at the shows and in growing plants in a very different color class; pure deep purple tending to burgundy is Purple Mist (Emmons) which also won The American Home Achievement Medal in Detroit. Blooms of that shipped by Air Mail lasted several days. It is a good-sized flower on an apparently slender stem and the color is distinct. The petals or rays of this Dahlia are one tone throughout and fairly evenly arranged.

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It is a difficult problem to go picking out from a lot of worthwhile winners. Watchung Giant (Smith) an Informal Decorative but really a borderline variety is light cadmium with a warm suffusion of rose—a really beautiful addition to the autumn color range. It is big and strong.

Katherine Crooks (Veilie) Informal Decorative; mauvette, warmed by rose shading on a rich lilac; broad rays with white reverse. Beautiful coloring inclined to irregular form.

Peggy Ann Landon (Ostrander) a borderline Informal Decorative, light rhodamine purple, heavily washed on pale pink, silvery pink reverse.

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Anna Benedict (Burpee) is an Informal-Formal Decorative, deep Bordeaux growing darker to the center—if you want something very deep and rich in color.

Greater Glory (O'Keefe) a very large exhibition type, Semi-cactus is the only real contender in pinks since Kathleen Norris.

There are a few new additions to the Pompons and the Miniatures which are continually clamoring for greater attention. These appeal as much by their form as by their color. Badetty of Huntington has a lovely Miniature Formal Decorative, amber with the rays quilled in the center.

Orchid Baby (Alling) Miniature Decorative, pale amaranth pink, bright even color; evidently very free flowering.

Look out for further additions in this section. The ladies need them for their garden and cut flowers; but after all the exhibition flower is one thing and the flower for decorative use under ordinary circumstances is something else again, and more and more attention is being directed to the use of the flower indoors after it is grown in the garden.

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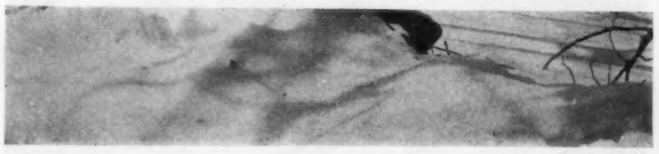

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PROBABLY few gifts are as permanently satisfying as things for our homes. There is something about receiving a gift destined for a place in our daily living that expresses friendship and affection almost better than anything else. That is the reason some of the following pages are devoted to home gifts that you can find in the New York shops named. There are quantities of other home gifts too; these are merely suggestions and we know they will bring to mind many other articles which would be equally "at home" in the homes of your friends and family.

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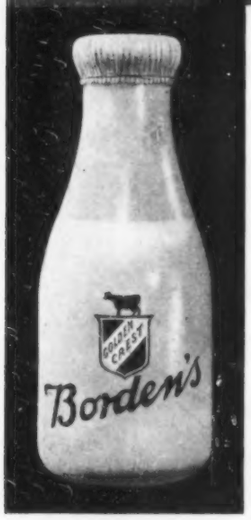

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Above, handsome Quaker Lace tablecloth for the festive entertaining of the holiday season. Table appointments from Altman's. Right, chair side table with drop leaves, a small drawer, and a lower shelf. With leaves extended, the top measures 15 x 34"; closed, 15 x 17". It is 16" high. Adapted from a Pembroke table originally designed by William Goddard of Philadelphia. $21. Flint & Horner has it

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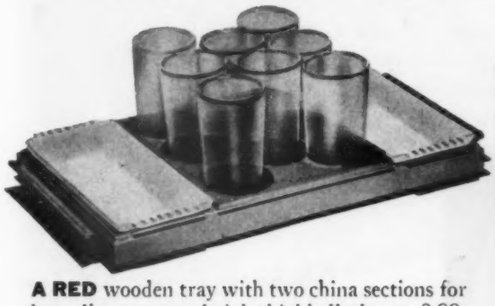

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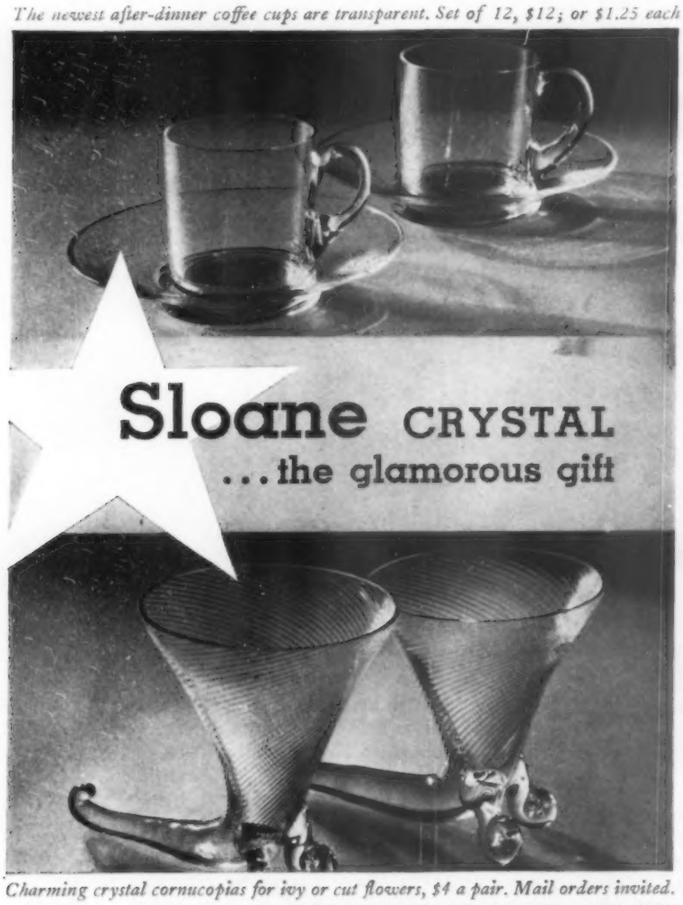

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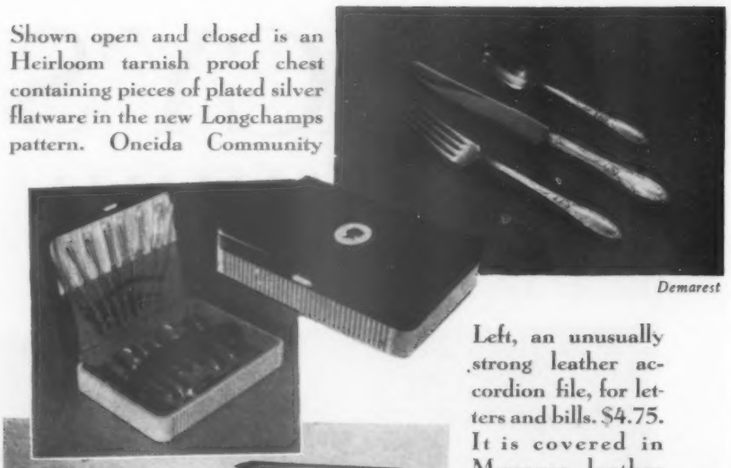

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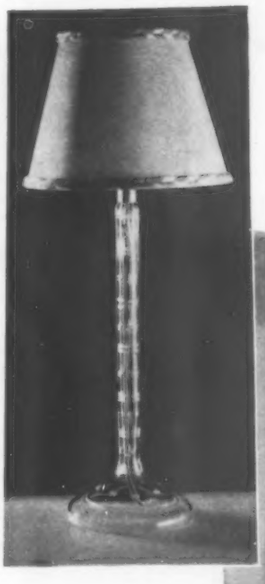
Left, an unusually strong leather accordion file, for letters and bills. $4.75. It is covered in Morocco leather and tooled in gold. The engagement pad has a page for each week, $3.50, from Lewis&Conger

Right, a modification of the student lamp, in tôle, which may be had in green, blue, red, yellow, or eggshell. $10 at Sloane's

Left, for the dressing table is a tall star crystal lamp, $3. It is topped with a simple parchment shade, also $3. W. & J. Sloane



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Right, a suggestion for new draperies for the library, father's study, or brother's room. They are made of striped ticking, very tailored and masculine, and the straight valance board, covered with the same material, is ornamented with two leather belts. Original Lord & Taylor design

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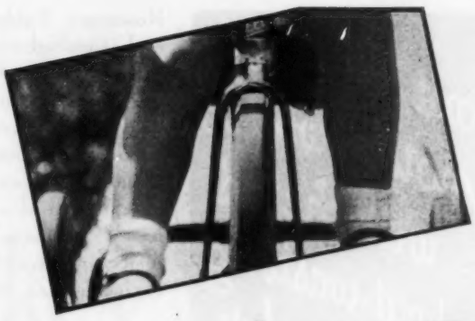

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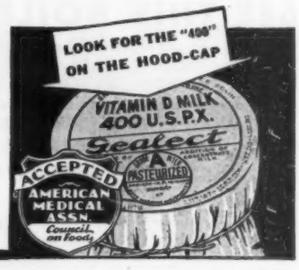

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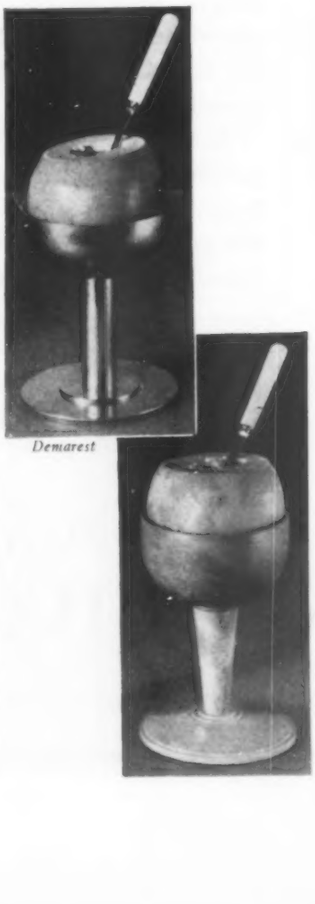
There are many ways of serving cheese, but among the most interesting we have seen are these cheese "cups," especially designed to hold Edam cheese. One is of chromium, the other of wood. Hammacher Schlemmer & Co.



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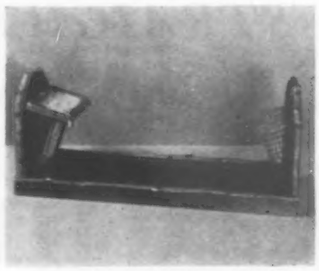
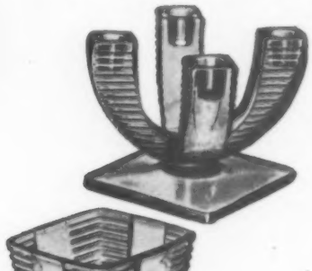
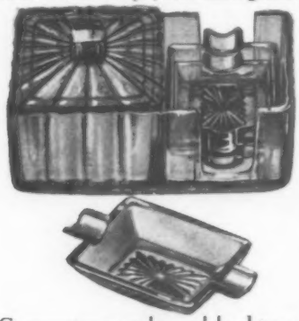


More and more people are making the birds their guests during the winter months when easily available food is scarce. Here is a rustic window ledge feeding tray, with a wire suet cage and an automatic seed hopper. It is 26″ long with metal braces for screwing to the window sill. $2.95. Lewis & Conger has it



An interesting Fostoria glass candlestick will accommodate four candles, and to go with it there is a pair of flower bowls. Macy's. Also Fostoria glass is the 5-piece smoker set: cigarette box and 4 trays, Bloomingdale's



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¼ teaspoonful salt
2 egg whites
¾ cupful chopped mixed nuts
1 teaspoonful vanilla

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water and salt. Boil to 265° F. (hard ball in cold water). Beat egg whites until stiff and gradually beat in the hot syrup. Continue beating until it begins to stiffen. Add vanilla and nuts and pour into a greased pan.

An interesting variation is to sprinkle two tablespoonfuls of grated orange rind on the bottom of the greased pan. Then sprinkle ½ cupful grated cocoanut over that and pour on the divinity. When removed from the pan the orange and cocoanut give an attractive top.

Molasses walnut squares

2 tablespoonfuls butter
1 cup molasses
⅓ cupful granulated sugar
½ cupful English walnuts
Few grains salt

Boil the butter, molasses, and sugar to 250° F. (hard ball in cold water stage). Add walnut meats sprinkled lightly with salt. Pour into a well-greased pan, cool slightly and mark in squares.

Peanut brittle

2 cupfuls granulated sugar
1 cupful peanuts
⅛ teaspoonful salt

Stirring constantly, melt the sugar slowly in a heavy frying pan until it becomes a golden brown syrup. Remove from the stove at once, stir in salt and broken peanuts, and pour on an ungreased pan or cooky sheet.

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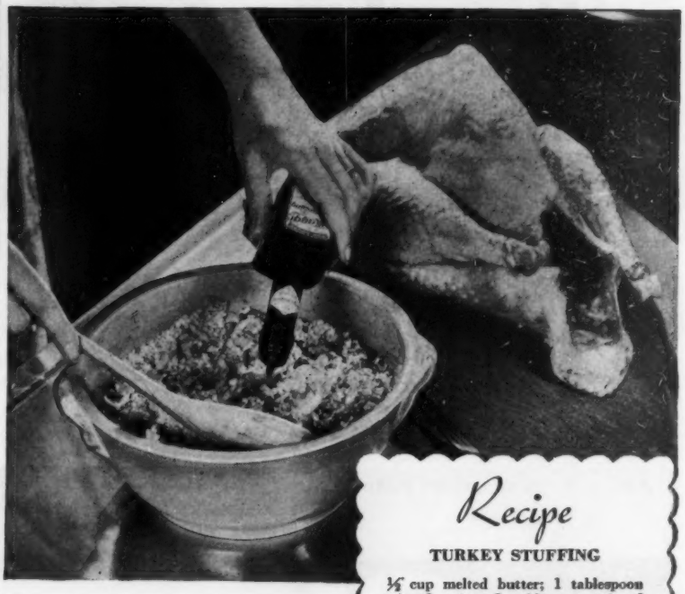

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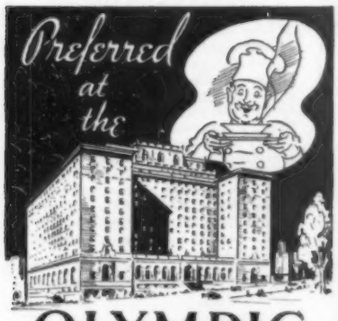

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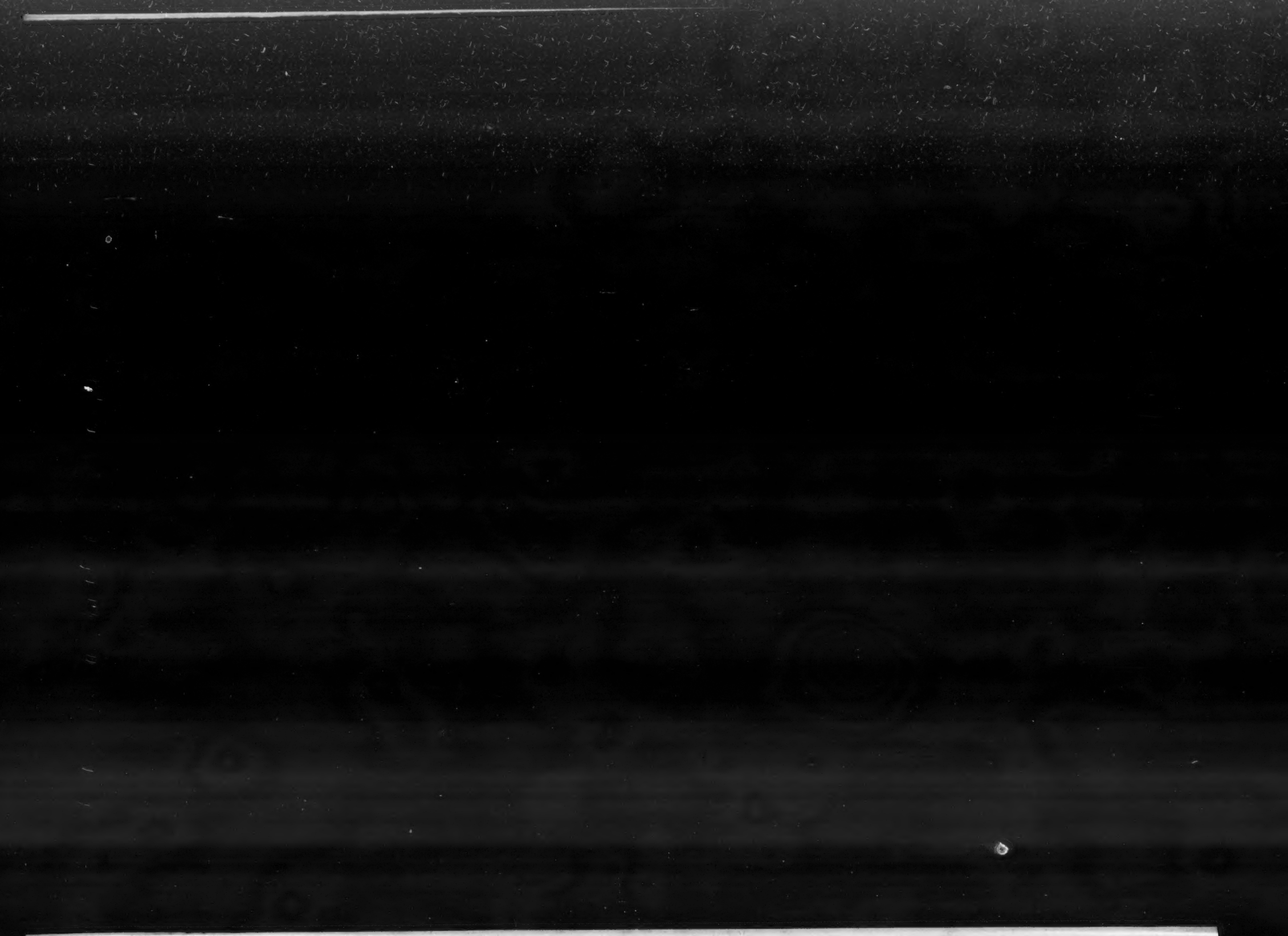
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